

Introduction

The formal consultation phase will take place between 2nd October 2008 until 2nd January 2009. All of the relevant documentation is available on the DAAT website – www.hampshiredaat.org.uk

We are seeking innovation from our partners, stakeholders, users and carers to help us to redesign and reshape the adult treatment system to ensure we can deliver effective, quality services for drug and alcohol clients in line with need and available funding.

We hope you will take the opportunity to share with us your thoughts and ideas for the future provision of substance misuse services. No decisions have been made in advance of this process.

Frequently asked Questions

1.	<p>Does the review include drug and alcohol services?</p> <p>Yes, the review includes both drug and alcohol services. Whilst having to recognise that there are funding streams specifically ring fenced for drug only service provision : notably the National Treatment Agency, Adult Pooled Treatment Budget and the Home Office funding for the Drug Intervention Programme which are managed by the DAAT.</p>
2.	<p>Does the review only include services which are commissioned using DAAT funding?</p> <p>No, the review includes all services within the Hampshire substance misuse treatment system, for example those commissioned by Hampshire PCT and Adult Services. It includes community substance misuse services and substance misuse services commissioned specifically for individuals who are within the criminal justice system.</p> <p>We are very interested to hear views on how the treatment system should interface with substance misuse services provided by Probation or the Prison, for example and also with mainstream services, for example, housing or employment services.</p> <p>Following the review process we would expect to see a rationalisation of the current commissioning arrangements leading to the possibilities of greater alignment or pooling of commissioning budgets.</p>
3.	<p>Can the funding information provided in the Strategic Review Information Pack (SRIP) be broken down further?</p> <p>We have taken the view that it can not, in order to preserve commercially sensitive information relating to contract prices.</p>
4.	<p>Does the review include services for children and young people?</p> <p>No, the review is focusing on services provided for adults. However, it is important that we consider the transitional arrangements which relate to young people and the interface between adult and young people's substance misuse services and the emphasis upon families and children of substance misusing parents, particularly within the new national drug strategy.</p>



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5.	<p>Are all services within the current treatment system included in the review?</p> <p>Yes, without exception. We want to hear stakeholder views on every aspect of the current treatment system so that we can satisfy ourselves that the services we commission in the future represent the best model for Hampshire within the resources we have available.</p>
6.	<p>How can you ensure effective participation given the tight timescale for the review?</p> <p>We are conducting the formal consultation in line with the One Compact (the framework agreed between HCC and the Voluntary and Community Sector) which requires a 12 week consultation. We are also bound by National Treatment Agency timescales, see below.</p>
7.	<p>Would it be useful to have a review / feedback period between Stage 2 : Development Plan and Stage 3 : Implementation Plan to allow a further period of comment on the proposals?</p> <p>We are bound by the National Treatment Agency timetable for the submission of the 2009/10 Treatment Plan and it is unlikely that there will be scope for a further period of comment.</p>
8.	<p>What steps will be taken to obtain information from those users who are not accessing treatment services?</p> <p>We do not underestimate the challenge this presents. We will be reliant upon support from strategic partners and providers (e.g. Supporting People services, Nexus harm reduction and outreach service), service user groups and networks. We would welcome further input on this point and if you have any ideas please get in touch.</p>
9.	<p>How well are existing services (i) meeting their contractual obligations, (ii) meeting local needs?</p> <p>(i) this a matter for commissioners to take up with individual providers and will be a factor for consideration in reaching conclusions arising from the review process and (ii) we hope that local service users and carers and local organisation will help us to ascertain this information as part of the consultation process.</p>

Further information will be added to this document during the consultation period if additional questions arise and the answers to those questions may be helpful to a wider audience.