
Select Committee on Community Safety and Community Services
8th November 2007

Report of the Chief Executive

Quarterly Corporate Performance Management Report - Quarter 1 (April to June 2007)

Adult Drug Treatment Plan, Drug Intervention Programme and Children and Young Persons Substance Misuse Plan

Purpose of Report

1. The purpose of this report is to inform the Select Committee of performance in respect of the Adult Drug Treatment Plan, The Drug Intervention Programme and the Children and Young People's Substance Misuse Plan for the first quarter of 2007/8

Background

2. **The Adult Drug Treatment Plan**

Local area partnerships are required to complete treatment plans, which are negotiated and approved by the National Treatment Agency (NTA) Regional Teams. These Plans outline how partnerships aim to expand and develop treatment systems in their areas using central and local funding sources.

The development of the 2007/8 Adult Drug Treatment Plan began in October 2006 with a needs assessment exercise and Treatment Planning Day in November 2007.

The Adult Drug Treatment Plan 2007/8 came into effect in April 2007. Finalised Plans are used by the NTA to monitor progress of drug treatment systems at a local national and regional level.

3. **Performance Management Information**

Service Providers send data directly to the National Drug Treatment Monitoring System. The Joint Commissioning Manager for Substance Misuse provides quarterly returns to the National Treatment Agency and monitors providers performance through quarterly Service Level Agreement Meetings.

The Partnership receives a Summary Performance Management Report from the NTA on a quarterly together with a letter outlining areas of good practice that have been noted or any concerns. Green Reports, which detail individual service providers' performance, are also received.

Performance against the Adult Drug Treatment Plan is a standing item on the Substance Misuse Implementation Group and Safe and Sound Strategic Board's agendas

4. Performance 1st Quarter – April to June 2007

Drug Treatment System Management – Green
Drug Treatment System Deliver – Amber
Drug Intervention Programme – Amber
Financial Management – Green

Numbers into Treatment – Red - It should be noted that pro-rata the target has been met, however the NTA expect the target to be exceeded in quarter 1 as nationally there are seasonal variations later in the performance year

Numbers Retained in Treatment for more than 12 weeks – Red 70% against a Partnership Target of 85%. The NTA nationally have recognised that 85% is too high a target. Dudley has taken part in a national retention exercise. Following an investigation into the reduction in performance compared to quarter 4 of 2006/7 it was discovered that there was a data entry error at the PCT this has now been rectified.

5 The Drug Intervention Programme (DIP)

The Drug Intervention Programme (DIP) is part of the Government's Drug Strategy to address the misuse of Class A drugs (heroin, crack and cocaine). The aim of DIP is to reduce the cycle of criminal behaviour by breaking the cycle of drug misuse and crime and motivating offenders at an early stage to receive treatment and remain in treatment.

The Drug Intervention Programme forms part of the Adult Drug Treatment Plan.

6 Management of the Drug Intervention Programme

DIP is managed on behalf of DMBC by the Community Safety Team, in particular the Drug and Alcohol Action Team and key partners (Police Service, CPS, Courts, Treatment Providers and the Probation Service). There is an alignment between the DIP and Prolific and Priority Offender agenda.

At a regional level DIP is performance managed by Government Office West Midlands and the NTA

7 Performance – Quarter 1 April to June 2007

Dudley is meeting two out of the four Key Performance Indicators (Please see attached Drugs Intervention Programme – Compact Targets 2007/8). Numbers into treatment via the DIP has been assessed as green.

Nationally KPI 2 is not being met. In respect of KPI 3 work has been undertaken by the DIP Data Manager with the Treatment Provider to look at ways of increasing performance against this KPI. Following work undertaken the DIP Data Manager is confident that there will be improved performance in quarter 2.

There were changes to the Drug Intervention Record forms and the DIRWeb (the database that collects and analyses the data) from 1st April 2007; this may also have had an impact on performance. This is being closely monitored at a local and regional level.

8 **Children and Young Persons Substance Misuse Plan**

Work commenced on the 2007/8 Children and Young Persons Substance Misuse Plan in November 2006. The final plan was signed off by the Director of Childrens Services and approved by Government Office West Midlands in April 2007.

The Children and Young Persons Substance Misuse Plan supports the development and operational responses to children and young people's drug and alcohol use at a local level in line with the Every Child Matters Change for Children: Young People and Drugs Guidance published in March 2005.

The Plan includes a range of services and interventions from Universal to Specialist services.

9 **Performance Management Information**

Performance Management data is collated from a number of sources. The Young Persons Substance Misuse Lead submits this and other performance management information to Government Office West Midlands via a number of annexes. The Young Persons Substance Misuse Lead also has quarterly Service Level Agreement Meetings with Partners and Providers.

There are formal 6 monthly meetings with Government Office West Midlands to review progress against the Plan.

Progress against the 2007/8 Plan is detailed in Annex H submitted to Government Office West Midlands in July 2007.

Particular points to note: -

Healthy Schools

National expectation - target of 55% achieving NHSS by December 07. Currently 57% achieved. Stretch target locally of 82% by December.

YOT

Young offenders screened within 5 days has moved from Red to Green but increased focus on the target, has resulted in the rating for treatment within 10 days of assessment moving from green to amber.

The Zone

Green rating – 103 YP in treatment (Those in treatment in YP services = 96%)

In quarter 2 screening and referral protocols has moved to green

Finance

10 Adult Drug Treatment Plan

Delivery of provision outlined in the Adult Drug Treatment Plan is largely financed through the Pooled Treatment Budget. This budget is pooled at a national level with contributions from the Health Service and the Home Office. There is a local contribution from the Primary Care Trust, Social Services and Probation towards particular initiatives.

11 Drug Intervention Programme

DIP is wholly funded via a Home Office Grant that has very specific requirements and expectations of how it is spent.

12 Children and Young Persons Substance Misuse Plan

The Children and Young Person Substance Misuse Plan is financed through the Young Peoples Substance Misuse Partnership Grant, which is made of contributions from Department of Health, Youth Justice Board, DfCS and the Adult Pooled Treatment Budget.

In Dudley a significant amount of resource is levered in through partnership working.

Law

- 13 The Council has a range of powers that may be applicable to this report such as the National Assistance Act 1948 and the Crime and Disorder Act 1998. However under section 2 of the Local Government Act 2000 the Council may do anything, which it considers is likely to achieve the promotion or improvement of the economic, social and environmental well being of its area.

Equality Impact

- 14 Needs assessment exercises are undertaken before the Adult Drug Treatment Plan and Children and Young Person Substance Misuse Plans are developed.

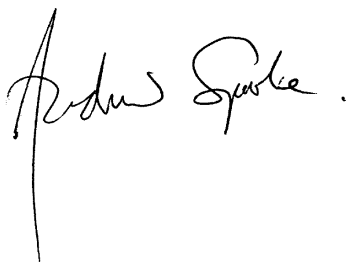
The needs assessment exercises takes into account the demographics of the borough in respect of race, age and gender. Performance information is received and monitored in respect of those entering into treatment and other service provision.

Service Level Agreements require Service Providers to comply with legislation in respect of equality. Services Providers are required to comply with and demonstrate commitment to equality of opportunity legislation and principals.

Children and young people are consulted with through the Children and Young Persons Strategic Partnership and other consultation exercises and processes.

Recommendations

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- That the Committee note the contents of this report.
 - That the Chief Executive takes action to address the identified areas of underperformance.



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List of Background Papers

DIP Compact Targets 2007/8 - attached
Annex H in respect of Children and Young Persons Substance Misuse Plan (attached)
NTA Summary Performance Management Report 2007/8 (not attached)

Annex H

Every Child matters: Change for Children - Young People and Drugs

Revised Progress Assessment - **Highlighted lines indicate quantitative measures**

Criteria for RAG ratings set out in Annex F

Reforming the delivery chain and strengthening accountability

	Delivery Status
Local Delivery Plans/local accountability	G
Commissioning arrangements	A
Data systems in place	A
Screening tool and referral protocols in place with data sharing protocol	A
Involvement of young people in planning	A
Diversity	A
% underspend YPSMPG 2005/06	Grant return
% underspend YPSMPG end 2006/07	Grant return

Building Provision around the needs of young people

Universal education, information and advice

National Healthy Schools target	G
Systems in schools for identification and onward referral	G
Communications strategy including FRANK	G
Social Inclusion Projects	A

Early identification and interventions targeting Vulnerable Groups

Local estimate of population of vulnerable young people	4282
Children of drug misusing parents	A
Connexions	G
Truants	A
Excludees	A
Looked after Children	A
(1) All young people supported by the Youth Offending Team are screened for substance misuse	G
(2) Of Young offenders screened those with identified needs receive appropriate assessment within 5 days	R
(3) Following the assessment access the early intervention services and treatment services they require within 10 working days	G
Other	A

Specialist Treatment

Number of under 18s receiving treatment	166
% of treatment population under 18	15% G
% YP treated in adult system	0.6% G
Comprehensive range of services	G
Quality	G

Building Capacity

Workforce	A
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