

Outer Hebrides Alcohol & Drug Partnership

Outer Hebrides ADP Executive Group Meeting

Date: Wednesday 9th November 2011, 11.30am – 2.00pm

Venue: Conference, Room, Police Station, Stornoway

PRESENT:

Gordon Macleod

Morag Munro

Michael Stewart (from 12 noon)

Emelin Collier

ADP Chair; Chief Inspector, Stornoway Police

Harris Voluntary Service

Criminal Justice Service Service Manager - CnES

Head of Planning & Development, NHS WI

IN ATTENDANCE:

Wendy Ingledew

Suzanne MacAulay

Fiona Macdonald

ADP Co-ordinator

ADP Substance Misuse Development Officer

ADP Substance Misuse Information and Research
Officer

Donnie MacKenzie

Management Accountant, NHS WI

NOTE TAKER:

Lorraine Gillies

Health Promotion Admin Assistant, NHS WI

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Mairi Bremner.

2. MONITORING PROCESS 2011 – 12

To consider SWOT Analysis, re: monitoring forms from funded services and consider payment of 2nd financial payments for 2011 – 12.

Suzanne Macaulay summarised the SWOT Analysis forms, and then they were discussed by the group:

I. PATHWAYS

Their outcome has been met, the original SLA target is already exceeded and they are receiving positive outcomes from service users. They are now using GIRFEC outcomes framework and E-Aspire recording systems, which generate individual outcomes for each case. The monitoring form is inconsistent in places, but this could be due to the new form.

The supported accommodation from the original SLA has not been met, but they have highlighted that housing is an issue and resources are stretched. Hillcrest have discussed problems accessing suitable youth counselling for service users. Emelin stated that last year £6,000 was awarded to Children and Family Mediation Service to resurrect youth counselling; CnES were to be approached to match fund it. Suzanne Macaulay is to check the status of this project; this can also be considered in the Needs Assessments.

The group agreed to continue with 2nd payments.

II. AN CALADH

They are meeting their SLA target of service users, and working in partnership with the Substance Misuse Co-ordinator and the CPN's; the Monday Club is also in place, providing opportunities for service users and local agencies to attend. It is the same services users accessing the service, so it raises questions about the referral pathways, although this may be a reporting issue.

Most of the focus seems to be on the Monday Club, which is attended by other agencies. Also, their reported outcomes in relation to recovery and attainment are low, but as some of the age group are older employment and education attainment may not be so relevant. It may be that the service could be changed and become a support service for older people, and provide the opportunity for outreach work. There seems to be a lot of crossover with Caraidhean Uibhist, who also do a lot of work with this group, but it may be that they need multiple opportunities to access services.

There is recognition that the older age group have a need for continued support, where the younger groups may need other opportunities and pathways, into education and employment. It was agreed at the recent consultation that more support could be offered, and there would be further meetings on the subject.

The group agreed to continue with 2nd payments.

III. CAMHS

From the report it is unclear if they had 13 or 20 service users: there are issues with the referral process. At present if a young person presents at A&E they are given a leaflet that gives details of a drop-in service; it is not specified how deep the intervention goes. Six people were referred by this method and then didn't show at the drop-in, and they may have been counted towards the figure of 20 service users, which makes this figure invalid. There may also be the possibility that some of the service users are already referred from Action for Children.

A figure of 13 still makes the target met for the specified funding period and on target for the annual funding period. It was discussed as to whether there was possibility of the police being able to refer by writing to a parent, with a leaflet. Suzanne Macaulay is to check if parents are already informed; also, if there is an automatic link to and from the health visitors.

The money is used to cover Lewis and Uist & Barra; there was some difficulty in filling the Uist post and now CAMHS is being funded full time to fulfil these duties.

The group agreed to continue with the second payments, with the discussed caveat around the service.

IV. COMHLA

As some of the client groups they were working with are no longer active the focus for Comhla has changed since the original SLA. Despite this they may still be on track although client numbers are currently low they may meet the SLA by the end of the year.

Comhla focus on employment opportunities for young people, and may be 'competing' with groups such as Lifestyle and Foyer; query raised whether it may be confusing for clients

and referring agencies to have similar projects funded in a small area rather than having clear referrals pathways for certain clients. Suggestion that potential clients should be able to enter the substance agencies process at one point and have a clear path through to exiting with job opportunities or in recovery; this may be an opportunity for one service providing all or to have a support worker allocated for each clients, e.g. one care worker seeing a person through the process or another model. .

It was suggested at the next round of funding that all interested parties should meet to discuss their functions, client groups, remits and outcomes; this would ensure no duplication of funding, and may produce better results. This may result in some agencies changing their focus and increasing the amount of inter agency partnership working with others.

The group agreed to continue with 2nd payments.

V. COMMUNITY DETOX NURSE

There is very clear evidence that the SLA objectives for this service are being met. Half the post is substantive and half due to end in March, the nurse in post is currently on the redeployment for her substantive half post and there is a possibility she may have to accept a full time redeployment in order to maintain her right to redeployment as the funding for this post ends in March, as does the funding for all current ADP services. There is evidence of the need and the clear strengths of the post, and there it was discussed if there is a duty of care and statutory need to provide the service, there are issues within the health board about taking responsibility for redundancy if the post continues. Michael Stewart highlighted that the CPP have made tackling alcohol a strategic priority and this is contradictory to not continuing the post, however the CPP have no authority over health board money. Wendy Ingledew is to arrange a meeting between Mike Hutchison, Nigel Hobson to discuss this matter.

The group agreed to continue with 2nd payments.

VI. COTHROM

They are meeting all the SLA targets, although they feel there is a missing link in Uist & Barra for a substance service worker to provide support to clients, particularly young people . There is only one female user so this may need to be developed, and they have experienced problems with where to refer some people who need early intervention for substance issues.

The group agreed to continue with 2nd payments.

VII. CPC ICAD

At this stage, due to time constraints, Suzanne Macaulay was asked to only comment on any areas where there is a problem with the service delivery.

CPC ICAD have reported 57 service users and 223 instances of awareness raising, but it is unclear who is giving the awareness raising sessions, or how they are counting it. However they are meeting most of their outcomes and appear to give a good service.

More clarity is needed on how the money is being spent, where and what the outcomes are. It is felt that the service is providing excellent work, which isn't being reflected in the forms. There was some discussion around writing to the Director of Education and Children's services, as Michael Stewart only has information on Social and Community Services. It was suggested that this matter be discussed at the December meeting.

The group agreed to continue with 2nd payments.

VIII. DRUG SUPPORT WORKER

The post has been offered to a candidate. The post won't change but it needs to be considered if there needs to be more active involvement in social work areas. Also, there may be some savings as the post has been empty for some time.

Outcomes for the previous worker during the reporting period were positive and met all SLA objectives.

The group agreed to continue with 2nd payments.

IX. HARRIS YOUTH CAFE

Gordon MacLeod read from a letter that was sent in: there have been problems delivering the service and in recruiting staff; at the last two meetings there was a zero attendance. As a result the service has been discontinued and they are not claiming the 2nd instalment, The group agreed to this, as well as monitoring the service over the next few months to see if it can be re-started.

X. HEBRIDES ALPHA

There are no concerns with this service: the SLA has been met, there are positive outcomes and good reporting.

The group agreed to continue with 2nd payments.

XI. LIFESTYLE

Most targets are being met, although the manager had a 2 month period of sick leave so the 200 sessions may not be met. They are experiencing financial problems and the Uist t Bridge Project Worker is retiring next year..

The group agreed to continue with 2nd payments.

XII. RADICAL

Their main work is done during November and December, so a proper update will not be available until after this period.

The group agreed to continue with 2nd payments.

XIII. STREETWORK

Have sent a letter requesting the SLA be amended as their information recording has now changed. They are currently doing more outreach based streetwork. Objectives are being met and new databases implemented, so monitoring should improve. It was agreed they excellent work is done by the service, including exchanging information with the police and making Pointers alcohol and drug free.

The group agreed to continue with 2nd payments.

XIV. SUBSTANCE MISUSE CO-ORDINATOR, UIST AND BARRA

The worker is meeting SLA objectives and targets, although there are issues with reporting. There are some concerns that the worker is operating at capacity and we need to look at the community response to detox and look at possible solutions.

The group agreed to continue with 2nd payments.

XV. CARAIDHEAN UIBHIST

Due to an IT problem, there was no hard copy of the SWOT analysis available but Suzanne Macaulay gave the report verbally from a laptop file and will forward the SWOT after the meeting: targets and outcomes are being met, there are positive comments. There are no real concerns other than monitoring and evaluation and the possibility of some duplication of work in Uist.

The group agreed to continue with 2nd payments.

DEVELOPMENT FUNDS

Action for Children, Foyer, DTTO and Caraidhean Uibhist are all on track to meet the objectives outlined in their application forms and there are no concerns. The group agreed to continue with 2nd payments

Gordon MacLeod thanked Wendy Ingledew, Suzanne Macaulay and Fiona MacDonald for their work on the above.

3. AOCB

A. There were requests for funding to be considered:

i. CEOLAS

They have already requested funding in the past which was refused. It was agreed that support would be better provided by offering access to Servewise Training, which hopefully will be offered in the future to all village halls and voluntary groups in the Uist and Barra area.

ii. SCOTTISH FAMILIES AFFECTED BY DRUGS

A letter has been sent to all ADP groups requesting each board fund 1/5 of a post for development officers. It was agreed however that any available money may be better spent directly within the Western Isles.

iii. M'ULAIDH GROUP

Health Visitors requested funding to continue a drop-in centre for young mums; this was dismissed as the request is already being considered by another group within the health board.

B. DRUGS DOG

It was confirmed that the current dog handler is leaving. It will be discussed in future of how this should be taken forward, i.e. the Police can provide an officer and maintain vehicle costs if ADP can pay for training.

C. FINANCE

Notification has been received from Scottish government stating that Ministers have proposed (subject to Parliamentary decision) that the overall budgets for tackling drugs and alcohol remain the same. The Parliament is due to consider the Budget bill in the new year and we would hope to confirm allocations for 2012/13 shortly thereafter. Subject to Ministerial decisions we would also hope to provide indicative allocations for 2013/14 and 2014/15.

4. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Wednesday 7th December 2011