



Fforwm Camddefnyddio Sylweddau Gogledd Cymru

North Wales Substance Misuse Forum

Minutes of the meeting held on the 17th June 2008 at Denbighshire County Council Offices, Caledfryn, Denbighshire at 2.00pm.

Present

Andrew Jones (Chair)	Regional Director NPHS
Maldwyn Roberts	North Wales Coordinator
Sarah Matthews	Barnardo's Cymru
Sian Phillips	Conwy (Strategic Housing) Council
Ceriann Tunnah	Conwy/Denbigh SMAT
Vicky Jones	Wrexham County Council SMAT
Conal Nevitt	Community Safety Coordinator
David Morgan	NPHS
Kevin Williams	Barnardo's
Dave Ashworth	NW Police
Steve Ray	Probation
Tony Wyn Jones	Anglesey County Council
Veronica Mowat	WAG Regional Advisor
Gron Bennett-Williams	NPHS
Harold Burrows	Welsh Ambulance Service
Sarah Jones	Welsh Assembly Government
Gerallt Griffith	Gwynedd SMAT
Sally Baxter	Denbighshire LHB
Katy Playle	NW DIP Manager
Jill Timmings	NEWT
Catherine Jones	Flintshire SMAT
Anne Newhall	NACRO
Naomii Oakley	UCLAN
Benn Pagett	Channel Service User Group
Glenn Abbott	VOICE
Mandy Jones	Minute Taker
Guest	
Vicki Stevens	Clear Springs
APOLOGIES	
Richard Fairhead	NW Fire & Rescue Service
Mark Jones	NW Fire & Rescue Service
Godfrey Hayes	NHS
Dave Roberts	NWW NHS Trust
Dave Bethel	CP Wales
Chris Elmitt	Wrexham Domestic Abuse Coordinator

1. Welcome & Apologies

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting 04/12/07 Paper 1

Minutes accepted as correct

3. Matters arising

Service User Bill of Rights - Has been completed and circulated. Jill said that NHS is using this as a toolkit within their organization, but no other takers.

UCLAN – Agenda Item today

Substance Misuse Strategy – Still awaiting action plan.

Capital Building Strategy – Ongoing strategy been circulated.

Alcohol Treatment Workshop – Launch will take place in South Wales on 23rd June by Minister.

Alcohol – Agenda Item today

Working with Families Protocol – Sarah has not received response,

Homelessness – Agenda item today

Item 10 & 11 – Agenda items today

Needle vending machine - Ceriann mentioned that they are looking into the transfer of grant agreement to another agency.

Benn mentioned under User Involvement – that Octopus is a self help group not a service group.

Clear Springs – Vicki Stevens

Project started in 200 for asylum seekers. They were then awarded a contract from the Ministry of Justice for people with no addresses. NOMS are overlooking the project. There are 350 service users on bail and HDC license – 95% of these have substance misuse problems. They were with LA, Probation, Social Services, Police etc. There are 4 users on average per property. They have their own bedrooms but share kitchen, living room etc. Help people on bail and HDC license until court case. There are only 2 breaches a week nationally.

Referrals are done through head office, and these are done through probation and the courts. Do not accept offenders with sexual offences or arson.

Other offences are bases on own merit. Next process is eligibility. They have support working with clients and they make initial links with other services.

Only one property in North Wales at present in Wrexham, but they are looking to have 5 properties in North Wales. They have quite a few properties in South Wales for example. 3 in Newport, 1 Cardiff, 3 in Rhondda Cynon Taff, 3 in Carmarthenshire. They lease off private landlords and own 10% of the property. They house both genders and families also. Leaflets were left as information. Additional information was forwarded after meeting and is attached for your information.



BA013 BASS
Guidance for Stakeho



2008-02-01 BASS
Eligibility.pdf

4. Word on the Street – CEP – Paper 2

Report circulated previously. Project is now closed but is still funded for another 12 months to take forward the recommendations.

Maldwyn had produces a report on recommendations which was also circulated encouraging SMATS to produce a matrix on the findings i.e. what are the recommendation, how can it be changed, by whom etc.

Gill mentioned that the NHS is preparing an action plan on the recommendations in the Autumn. Will forward when available.

5. Recommendations of Community Project – Paper 3

The need to link with SMATs to carry this forward. SMATs need to take on board full report not just bits, Discussion needed on Page 2, item 1 & 2. The NW CAG has been looking at a strategy for buildings. Other issues no visible care/family support.

All agreed the need to carry recommendations forward. Problems arising at the moment in Flintshire and Ynys Môn. Problems for service users in various areas will vary, but recommendations should be considered by all areas.

Naomii stating that an action will be done in July and asked for SMATs help and support in producing this. They will contact SMATs directly.

6. Harm Reduction – Steve Ray Paper 4

Steve said that DIP and CJIT is now in the process of re-tendering pan North Wales services. Papers had previously been circulated stating the benefits of centralizing services and pulling resources and budgets that might lead to additionalities.

Each area to prepare a Matrix indicating the recommendations and the work to be undertaken by the responsible service where appropriate, with outcomes and timescales etc. Standing Agenda Item.

Harm reduction meeting was held on the 29th May and the outcome was that this would be a good idea in the future, but for this year would be a problem. Further discussion needed for the future and to work toward April 2010 to finalize if commissioning will be done. Minutes of the meeting circulated and suggested that areas look at what service is available in their area and what they would like. Jill said that this service has change since first set up. Discussion took place. Good idea to look at joining services and priorities. CAG to discuss and progress. It was suggested that the Community Engagement Project could be used to identify needs in areas.

7. NW Alcohol Group Paper 5

Dave could not attend today. Draft terms of reference for the group circulated for comments.

Chair said the need to address alcohol issue and good to have on agenda. Action plan on alcohol is awaited from WAG.

Discussion took place.

The need to reflect commissioners and practitioners on group etc on the group. Good idea to get themed meetings i.e. prevention, support etc. LSB in Denbighshire have a health strategy. The need to coordinate what is out there and pool various documents/papers together.

Include children & young people within this group.

Include key priorities and re-view membership.

Coordinator well include today's comments in a paper and circulate for further comments.

Chair – Paper been received from Tony Wyn Jones, and requested to be discussed today.

Tony asked for support to paper. Anglesey is doing a lot of work on alcohol. Press releases and campaigns. Would be better if regionally rather than locally.

Chair said that good work is being done locally, and that forum acknowledged this but that each area would have to take back to own SMATS to endorse. Replies to be returned by 20th June.

9. Alcohol conference Paper 7 a & b

Coordinator stated that the Training Sub Group has done a lot of work on this. WAG has agreed to fund the conference. Speakers are now arranged.

Conference to be held on 8th October, Interchange, Colwyn Bay.

Coordinator also mentioned that 5 stalls were available in the conference, 2 had previously been taken. Sarah on Behalf of Barnardo's and Andrew Jones on behalf of NPHS requested a stall.

Minutes and progress of groups to be a standing Agenda item.

SMATs to respond to Tony by 20/6

8. DIP Matters – Paper 6

Minutes circulated for information. Project plans will be circulated next week.

Gerallt asked about the pilot scheme mentioned in the minutes being run in Wrexham. Katy confirmed that is a pilot provision 'Touch Choice' on opiate users in Wrexham only.

10.WAG Matters

Veronica mentioned that the Children & Young People framework will be due out end of June. Karen Eveleigh is working on strategy.

Sally mentioned the mental health services paper and asked if further information available on this, as there is different perspective opinions. Mental health is changing and there will be a consultation workshop on 29th July. Responses to consultation of this document will be available in August. Sally to forward copy of mental health document to coordinator for circulation.

Sally went on to discuss shared cared. NEW trust group are looking at issues and also report on prescribing.

Shared care is being looked at and primary care capacity an issue. Shared care monitoring group is to be set up in the east. Formal update will be given at next forum meeting.

Midwifery service- 5/6 LA has agreed to mainstreaming the service. Ynys Môn is looking at it. Tony stated that SMAT have agreed but LHB management team has not agreed to fund it. Further discussion needed on this at if one LA pulls out of funding will affect the service. Gill/Sally will discuss outside meeting.

11. Sub-Group Minutes and Information Papers

a) Homelessness/Accommodation Paper 11a

For information.

Ann Newham from NACRO had been invited to discuss convergence funding. DAWN have expression of interest for convergence funding with WEFO. NOMS in South Wales have also expression of interest. DAWN has 15 partners and they have increased to cover gaps in provisions.

Looking for support workers for alcohol clients.

Looking also for additional support to support people further after gaining employment.

Convergence funding cover big projects from WEFO rather than small individual projects. Provisions will then be put out to tender.

Sally to forward copy of document to coordinator for circulation.

Sally to update at next meeting

All project expression of interest must be submitted and signed into the 'Buy for Wales' website. Extension funding for partnership available until end September. Objective 1 & 3 - competitiveness will now run together. Things are moving forward in the right direction.

b) Substance Misuse Training – Paper 10b

Coordinator mentioned that Melfyn Thomas will no longer be able to carry on with the Multi Agency training. Chair and coordinator thanked Melfyn for the work he has done and wished him well. Coordinator went on to say that John Grisdale SLO Coordinator has agreed to SLO to take over delivering the courses. Changes will be made to the deliver of the course in line with this. Coordinator also mentioned that Melfyn was the North Wales Representative on the Workforce Development Group and that unfortunately he would not be available to carry out this role. Asked for representatives/nominates as 4 from North Wales is required. They meet quarterly in South Wales.

c) CAG Minutes Paper 11c

Building strategy on going.

d) Update on WAG Groups – Paper 11d, e, f

Lots of groups /consultations. Karen Eveleigh is looking at these groups. Further update available in next meeting.

12.AOB

No other business

Date, time of next meetings

16th Sept – Probation HQ, Alexander House at 2pm (Buffet 1.30)

16th Dec – NW Fire & Rescue, Rhyl Fire Station

Names of Nominations or representatives To be forwarded to coordinator.