

Welcome back to Lesley Gallagher

Surrey DAAT is delighted to welcome Lesley back from a period of absence. She returned to work on 10th July. The DAAT would like to say a special thanks to Oliver Paul and Nick Smith who acted as joint managers in Lesley's absence.

DAAT Overview

Lesley writes:

Change seems to be a permanent feature in "DAATland"! The DAAT team are constantly adapting work programmes in order to take on new Government initiatives (often to tight deadlines) or partner agency reconfiguration. 2006/07 is no exception. To illustrate:

- ★ 2 capital funding bids to NTA by 21st September
- ★ Co-ordination of prison treatment funding (Highdown and Coldingley) with immediate effect
- ★ PPO/DIP closer alignment

Over the next few months we will be analysing Q2 returns in order to assess progress against our

targets at midway point. In November the DAAT will begin to consider its future priorities bearing in mind that 2007/08 marks the final year of a 10 year drug strategy and we anticipate a positive outcome from the 2007 comprehensive spending review in terms of alcohol funding. A major success this year has been to secure funding for the Adult Brief Intervention Project (ABIP) as part of the Local Area Agreement. The tender process has begun and we aim to have the service in place by 1st April 2007. More information will be available in the next newsletter.

Goodbye to Michael Bradley and Tony Leach

Michael Bradley has returned to his role within Surrey Social Services following his secondment to the DAAT as Models of Care Co-ordinator.

Tony Leach was seconded to the DAAT as Housing Co-ordinator and undertook a mapping exercise of specialist housing provision in Surrey for drug misusers. The final report is available on the DAAT website – www.surreydat.org.uk



UPDATE FROM THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S COMMISSIONING TEAM

Drug & Alcohol Information Co-ordinator

Surrey DAAT introduce you to Matt Hayman:

Matt graduated from the University of East Anglia with a degree in Behavioural and Cultural Studies. Having worked in London for an IT company Matt decided to move into the field of substance misuse working as a volunteer assisting with a restorative justice initiative with young offenders.

Following this Matt joined Eastleigh and Test Valley South Primary Care Trust as a drug prevention worker linking the agendas of crime and health by setting up and running a diverse range of drug prevention initiatives that included DJing and sports/diversionary activities with vulnerable young people, training for professional groups such as Foster Carers and Primary Care staff was also a significant part of the role.



In January of this year Matt joined Surrey DAAT as Drug Education Coordinator having worked in Eastleigh for three years. "The main focus of the role is trying to ensure that drug education in Surrey schools is evidence based and of the highest quality. Some of the most vulnerable young people in the county really benefit from good quality well planned drug education and I'm working with commissioners and other partners to promote the needs of these groups as a priority".

Matt's work also covers training and community based drug prevention. "Drug prevention is an area where a lot of good work takes place locally but is rarely shared and promoted widely, I hope to be able to promote the innovative work that takes place across Surrey as well as offering information on what the emerging research suggests is good practice."

Matt can be contacted on 01372 205 790 or by emailing matthew.hayman@surreydat.nhs.uk

Drug Education

Matt Hayman, the DAAT's newly appointed Drug and Alcohol Education Coordinator, talks about the role of drug education and some of the work he is involved in:

Alcohol, Tobacco and other drugs are very much a part of youth culture and the education young people receive about these substances plays an important role in shaping opinions and future decisions.

There are many challenges associated with drug education, central issues include; how do we ensure that pupils have access to good quality evidence based education and how do we address the educational needs of the most vulnerable young people in Surrey. Another factor driving work in this area is that the overwhelming majority of young people will never use illegal drugs, therefore how can we ensure that drug education reflects this and has credibility and relevance with the audience.

All of these areas present unique challenges and in conjunction with Four S, education providers and other partners, Surrey DAAT are actively trying to address these issues. Here are some examples of current initiatives:

Accreditation scheme for external providers of drug education in schools – By working with the practitioners and organisations delivering drug education in schools the DAAT is in the process of establishing a drug education training and accreditation scheme. The training will enhance the delivery of those who take part and accreditation will provide commissioners with a 'kitemark' of quality.

Drug Education Practitioner Forum – Linked to the accreditation scheme the forum consists of almost all drug education providers connected with Surrey. The forum provides an opportunity to share information on emerging trends, research, and possible funding opportunities, as well as discuss progress towards the accreditation scheme mentioned previously.

Database of drug education – A database is being developed to establish a better picture of the scope and extent of drug education across the county.

Guidance on evidence based commissioning for Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnerships – This guidance paper produced in May 2006 outlines some of the key principles that should underpin the commissioning of high quality drug education in schools. It sets out a rationale for prioritising the educational needs of vulnerable young people and summarises the related research.

Should you have any questions about this article or drug education and prevention please contact Matt Hayman on 01372 205 793 or email matthew.hayman@surreydat.nhs.uk



Nick Smith, Young People's Commissioning Manager writes:

Children and Young People's Plan

The move towards the Childrens Trust approach has led to the publication of the Children and Young People's Plan for Surrey (available on www.surreycafis.org.uk). This plan sets out a vision for all children and young people in Surrey and outlines twenty outcomes to support this vision. One of the eight "priority outcomes" in the plan is "to reduce underage drinking, smoking and drug misuse".

As a result the DAAT has been working closely with Children and Young People's Planning and Performance Group to ensure that drug/alcohol work in Surrey contributes to this outcome and ultimately to the overall vision for children and young people. This has included developing much closer working arrangements with the Smoke Free Alliance in Surrey with the ultimate plan of producing a joint business plan in 2007/8. It has also led to the DAAT sharing performance management information and needs assessment information with the partnership to both measure progress and to develop a joint needs assessment that all partners can use for future planning.

Further developments are expected on commissioning arrangements within this approach to improve outcomes for children. The DAAT already has arrangements in place to commission drug/alcohol services from its pooled budget in an integrated way through the DAAT Young People's Commissioning Group. However it is keen to play its part in these new developments to further integrate this area of work.

DAAT Young People's Substance Misuse Plan 2006/7

Each year the DAAT Young People's Planning Network produces the Young People's Substance Misuse Plan. This is a multi-agency business plan which outlines all activity to address substance use amongst young people. As has been noted already, this year's plan acknowledges the outcome in the Children and Young People's Plan "to reduce underage drinking, smoking and drug misuse" as well as ensuring partner agencies can deliver on existing local and national priorities.

The plan is reviewed on a six monthly basis. So far this year so key achievements include:

- Publication of Best Practice Guidance when parents use drugs /alcohol. (See below for further details)
- Development of transitional arrangements between adult and young people's substance misuse services
- Relevant policies and guidance for staff working in treatment settings are agreed with the SSCB.

For further information about the Young People's Substance Misuse Plan please visit www.surreydat.org or contact the DAAT.

Best Practice Guidance When Parents are Using Drugs/Alcohol

The Surrey Safeguarding Children Board (SSCB) and Surrey Drug and Alcohol Action Team have released good practice guidance for practitioners working with parents who use drugs/alcohol.

This has been a welcomed development and the guidance outlines how agencies should work together to ensure that the child's welfare remains paramount when working with families where this is an issue. Particular emphasis is placed on the need for close working arrangements between adult drug/alcohol services and services for children and young people. To support this, the guidance includes a multi-agency risk assessment tool designed to help practitioners identify child protection concerns and respond accordingly.

The SSCB and the DAAT are keen to point out that although parental drug/alcohol use can have a negative impact on children, some parents who use drugs/alcohol will be "good enough" parents. There is a clear message that parents who use drugs/alcohol should have the same level of access to services as other parents living in Surrey.

Alongside the guidance the SSCB and the DAAT have produced a Fact Sheet for professionals outlining the adverse impact that parental drug/alcohol use can have on children and young people. Both are available from www.surreycafis.org.uk.

DAAT Young People's Budget

The DAAT was expecting a £100,000 uplift to the Young People's Substance Misuse Partnership Grant in 2006/7. Unfortunately this did not materialise and instead the DAAT received a £10,000 cut; as a result the Young People's Substance Misuse Partnership Grant now totals £770,000.

Reasons for this cut have not been made entirely clear however it was something experienced by all DAATs nationally. There are a number of government funding streams which contribute to the Young People's Substance Misuse Grant and this appears to present difficulties in confirming and maintaining funding commitments.

The DAAT Young People's Commissioning Group had allocated this uplift to set up a post to develop responses to drug/alcohol use amongst young people identified through Prevent and Deter, as well as to extend existing contracts. However the changes have meant that the Prevent and Deter work has put on hold for the foreseeable future and pending further review the DAAT is hoping to extend all contracts to 31st March 2008.



UPDATE FROM ADULT JOINT COMMISSIONING

Oliver Paul writes:

The financial year began in challenging fashion. All DAATs were disappointed by the delay to Department of Health funding announcements until August and by the lower-than-expected uplift to the Adult Pooled Budget. The rumour mill was working overtime back in April and it soon became apparent that the long-awaited 42% uplift was unlikely to materialise. In the context of massive NHS deficits this was not altogether surprising and given the tight financial constraints of most of our other partner agencies, the DAAT welcomed (with some relief) the 30% uplift that was finally awarded.

This has enabled us, with some modifications, to maintain the planned expansion of drug treatment services across Surrey. The key areas of investment this year are:

The Drug Interventions Programme (see below); harm reduction outreach and needle exchange services; the development of a new drop in service in Woking which we hope will also act as a springboard for any interventions with the Asian community in that area; the development of aftercare services in East Surrey which we hope will support clients of treatment services in the East to re-integrate back into the community and way from reliance on treatment for their support; and the expansion of counselling services. We're also very pleased to be able to work in partnership with Supporting People to co-fund developments at Cranstoun House in Esher (see main article for more detail) to better meet the accommodation needs of drug users.

The Drug Interventions Programme (DIP) continues to be a top priority for all of us. Progress has been huge in the last 12 months and we now have a good team of staff from different agencies working well together to ensure that clients with drug problems in the criminal justice system receive a high quality service and don't slip through the net. The tracking of people through the system remains challenging, particularly when people go back and forth between court and custody. However, the aim of the programme is to offer drug treatment to clients as well as a sense of continuity of care as they move from arrest through to sentencing, custody and release and Surrey has made great strides towards achieving this. We just need to make sure that staff are recording their work on the necessary forms so that all their efforts are recognised by the Home Office when data is collated and future funding decided.

Another of our key objectives this year is to update and finish off all outstanding contracts and service level agreements with our treatment providers. The DAAT will then be in a better position than ever to consistently performance manage all treatment services to ensure that all continue to contribute to our key aims of increasing numbers going into treatment and improving the quality and effectiveness of that treatment to minimise the numbers who drop out and return to drug use.

Surrey DAAT introduces you to Karl Smith



Karl is a salaried user involvement representative for Surrey, employed by Surrey Drug & Alcohol Advisory Service (SADAS), but not working exclusively for them and their service.

Karl's role is to co-ordinate service user consultation and involvement across all treatment services in Surrey, statutory and non-statutory and criminal justice.

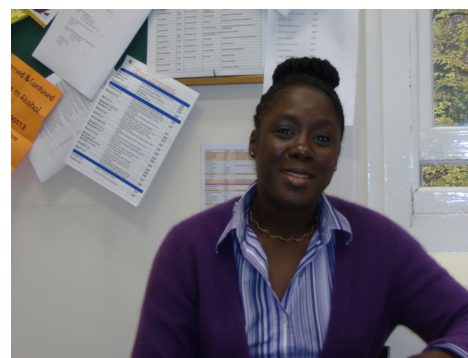
The approach is to try and encourage individual services to form their own user groups and then to feed into those user groups and to attend meetings to gain the views of service users around services. Karl will then deliver these views back to DAAT groups, such as the adult Joint Commissioning Group, of which he is a member.

Surrey DAAT introduces you to Lola Kolapo:

My name is Tiwalolo Kolapo but I prefer to be called the exotic abbreviation Lola – I am your new Assistant Joint Commissioning Manager for substance misuse. I am here to assist Oliver Paul with a few important projects and generally provide the Surrey commissioning structure with increased capacity. You can refer to me as Oliver Paul's right hand "man".

My drug career, that is working, and not using started five years ago when I embarked on a Masters degree in Social Policy and chose to do a dissertation on Drugs Policy – What works. I got my first job in the DAAT world as a DAT Co-ordinator in 2001 and I have never looked back.

In Surrey my remit will cover a range of assignments including researching the needs of the local population for substance misuse services, assisting in the development and review of strategies and plans and monitoring/evaluating the quality, outcomes and cost effectiveness of services. Projects of interest to me include Workforce Development, Carers and Users and Harm Minimisation/Health Promotion across both alcohol and drugs.



COMMUNITIES

The DAAT and GOSE have agreed a local delivery agreement which sets out and agrees national and local priorities, targets and key milestones against the Strategic Delivery/Key performance indicators for 2006/07 for the Partnership under the updated National Drug Strategy 2002 four areas : Young People, Reducing Supply, Treatment and Communities.

Because both Young People and Treatment's performances are subject to a separate reporting mechanism to GOSE/NTA it has been decided that the LDA for this year will focus primarily on Communities (including the alcohol agenda) and Reducing Supply :

The agreed Local Strategic Targets are as follows,

Reducing Supply :

- To provide the DAAT and partner agencies with accurate and timely activity data in order to improve both partnership working and information flow;
- To improve public's perception of reduction supply activities;
- To better understand the dynamic of drug markets in Surrey and their impact on communities.

Communities ;

- To strengthen the DAAT's partnership approach to delivering the Communities aim of the National Drug Strategy;
- To increase the number of drug user accessing accommodation in Surrey;
- To improve local response to discarded drug paraphernalia by public / borough staff;
- To strengthen engagement with minority groups within local communities.

In addition, 2 local targets have been agreed in relation with alcohol. They are :

- To develop a Surrey Wide Alcohol Brief Intervention Programme for Individuals whose offending behaviour is linked to alcohol use;
- To develop a DAAT alcohol strategy

The DAAT has already made good progress towards the achievement of the LDA targets. For instance the 1st of 4 drug litter training was delivered to Waverley BC staff and local partner agencies on the 30th of June 2006. This event was well attended and the evaluation was particularly positive. The DAAT will continue to assist local authorities in improving the recording of uncovered litter and in managing drug discarded paraphernalia and the second training session will be taking place in Woking before the end of the calendar year.

In addition, At their 15th of August meeting the Safer and Stronger Communities Partnership Board have agreed the terms of the DAAT's business case to create a county wide Brief Intervention Programme to address some aspects of alcohol-related crime and disorder.

The DAAT has set up a steering group comprising senior representative from the Police, Probation, Surrey County Council to work along the DAAT Commissioner and other DAAT officers to discuss the service spec drawn up by an independent consultant.

The steering up will act as a tendering panel and will subsequently performance manage the successful bidder.

It is anticipated that the service will be operational by the 1st of April 2007.

"AWARE" Community Engagement Project

Community Engagement in Woking has a recent history that dates back to the summer of 2004, or even further to the summer of 2000 when acknowledging the important foundation work undertaken by The Maybury & Sheerwater Partnership and Surrey Alcohol and Drugs Advisory Service. During that summer in 2004 a partnership led by Woking Community Relations Forum, supported by Surrey DAAT, were successful in a Community Engagement bid to the University of Central Lancashire (UCLan)

Following more than 2 years of hard work, successes and disappointments the needs assessment part is finally over and although UCLan still need to sign off the report, progress has not stopped.

The draft recommendations of the report are being used as a guidance document to develop the exit strategy. Already one can find evidence of this exit strategy in a, soon to be launched, tier 2, town centre drop in service in Woking, and the recruitment of a Black and Minority Ethnic Development Worker.

Reducing Supply

A large scale police operation undertaken early morning on August 10th resulted in a significant disruption of the flow of class A drugs across West Surrey, with a total of 29 people arrested on suspicion of supplying heroin, crack cocaine, cocaine and ecstasy pills.

Amounts of class A drugs, including a significant number of ecstasy pills, were recovered after police teams searched addresses in Godalming, Milford, Witley, Guildford, Farncombe and Woking, as well as addresses outside Surrey, including Basingstoke in Hampshire, Feltham in Middlesex and St Leonard's on Sea in Sussex.

The operation, code named Operation Gyrocompass, was carried out after intelligence sources identified a steady increase in the availability of class A drugs in West Surrey earlier this year

UPDATE ON SERVICE PROVISION

Cranstoun House

Cranstoun House, a nine-bed scheme in Esher is the only supported housing provision in Surrey that has as its priority client group, people with drug problems. Supporting People reviewed the service and concluded

that the service was not strategically relevant as client records revealed that only one of the service users out of 23 in 2004/5 was from Surrey. Notice was therefore served giving Cranstoun 12 months notice of the intention to withdraw funding unless the service was remodelled in such a way as to attract service users from Surrey. As a result of this Cranstoun House has remodelled its service which will provide short-term accommodation to service users with substance misuse issues with funding from Supporting People for the accommodation aspect. Surrey DAAT's Joint Commissioning Group have agreed to pick up the shortfall in funding for the treatment aspect of the service.

In-volve, Surrey Young People's Service (SYPS) has now opened its Guildford office. **In-volve SYPS** Guildford and Redhill are part of **In-volve**, a leading national charity working with disaffected young people who have significant problematic substance and alcohol misuse.

In-Volve SYPS works with clients in a holistic and young person-centred way to help them overcome their difficulties and move forward. Drug treatment workers deliver support and treatment at Tier 3 level to young people under 19 years of age, offering one-to-one key working, prescribing support, and community detox.

Referrals are welcomed from agencies, parents and carers and young people themselves. Please contact **In-volve SYPS** for a referral form or for more information.

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