

The independent voice of the sector

Welcome

Welcome to EATA's membership briefing. EATA is the membership organisation for the independent drug and alcohol treatment and aftercare sector. By being a part of the umbrella body of the sector, our members are able to contribute to improvements in access and quality in the provision of treatment.

EATA WORKING FOR OUR MEMBERS

A key role of EATA is working on behalf of its members in work with government departments and other agencies. By representing the interests of its members on working groups and at consultation events EATA is able to continually raise the concerns and needs of the independent sector.

EATA is currently working on the following areas:

- Voluntary Sector Compact Plus
- Residential Rehabilitation
- Workforce Development
- Improved Service Delivery
- Improved access to Treatment
- Promotion of evidence based treatment
- Improved commissioning

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EATA AGM 2007

EATA's Annual General Meeting took place on the 16th January 2007. The meeting was well attended by EATA members as well as the National Treatment Agency (NTA), Department of Health and Home Office. Bill Puddicombe, Chairman of EATA, began by reviewing the activities and projects undertaken by EATA. Baroness Doreen Massey, Chair of the NTA and Steve Tippell from the Home Office presented on the priorities of each agency for the future of the New Drug Strategy.

EATA ANNOUNCES NEW BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR 2007

The New Year has brought about fresh changes for EATA. After counting up the votes from newly nominated EATA members, EATA is pleased to announce its newly nominated board of Directors. EATA encouraged members to apply from a variety of backgrounds and would like to thank the nominees for their applications as well as all EATA members for their votes. New contributions from the Board of Directors are expected to bring about exciting and positive changes for EATA.

EATA BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR 2007

Bill Puddicombe	EATA Chairman
Steve Cooke	The Nelson Trust (Vice Chair)
Steve Rossell	Cranstoun (Treasurer)
Mhairi Macpherson	Turning Point
Richard White	Lampton Court
Chip Somers	Focus Counselling Services
Peter McCann	Castle Craig
Michael Meakin	Rapt
Richard Johnson	ANA Treatment Services

EATA would like to thank Nick Barton CEO of Clouds House and Pauline Bissett former CEO of Broadway Lodge who stepped down from the EATA Board of Directors. Their inspiring contributions have shaped the direction of EATA over the years.

EATA would also like to thank Vivienne Evans, CEO of Adfam and Tristan Millington Drake, CEO of The Chemical Dependency Centre for their support as co-opted members of the Board of Directors over the last year.

TRIBUTE TO GRAHAM MENZIES, EATA TRUSTEE AND CEO OF BROADWAY LODGE



We would also like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to Graham Menzies, who passed away unexpectedly in January. Graham recently became Chief Executive Officer of Broadway

Lodge and was newly appointed on EATA's Board of Directors.

EATA would like to acknowledge Grahams role and positive contribution to the sector over the years. He will be greatly missed by those who knew him.

A NOTE FROM EATA'S CHAIRMAN, BILL PUDDICOMBE,

On February 12th we had the first meeting of EATA's new Board. It was a very positive occasion. We have managed to elect very strong new Board members to fill the places vacated last year.

We were also lifted by the news that we are to receive a considerable increase in funding from the Department of Health. As well as giving us an excellent platform to operate from, it also demonstrates the confidence and credibility that we have with Government at present.

This year we will see the foundations of the next Drug Strategy being laid, the results of the various pieces of work on funding of tier 4 services and the launching of the NTA's Treatment Outcome Project, to mention some of the key events. We at EATA are ready to engage with these pieces of work and make our members presence felt at the negotiating table.

We will also see improved members service this year, starting with the expansion of the Accreditation Scheme and the offering of a service for Criminal records Bureau Checks for members.

EXPANDING NUMBERS IN TIER 4 - CAPITAL FUNDING FOR 2007 UPDATE

EATA has been continually involved in the 'Expanding numbers in Tier 4' program and continues to support its members in accessing information and providing relevant updates.

The Department of Health has now confirmed that £54.3 million capital funding will be allocated to Strategic Health Authorities with recommendations for spend based upon the outcome of the strategic bidding process. Below is a summary of the recommended allocations for funding:

- Three stand alone alcohol bids, all in the London region
- One bid for infrastructure development to improve access to Tier 4 services in the north west region (**£131,000**)
- All other bids are for the provision of drug and alcohol services
- 9 NHS bids (**£15,918,300**)
- 14 registered residential (or intending to register) facilities (**£16,757,700**)
- 16 supported accommodation (**£13,482,400**)
- 1 Prison based development (**£8,000,000**)
- Seven new build only schemes
- Remodelling of existing provision 22 bids. Several of these include improvements which will make facilities accessible to individuals with disabilities and bring building up to contemporary standards
- Mix of new build and remodelling at 6 schemes

It was agreed to fund the following Supra regional bids:

- One bid which includes acquisition of a site or a building
- Remodelling and refurbishment of existing provision
- Refurbishment of existing accommodation at a prison
- Additional new build units on an existing site

This is expected to deliver the following:

- An additional 132 units of NHS provision
- An additional 142 units of registered residential provision plus improved access for disabled users and families
- 185 units of supported accommodation
- 128 units within the prison estate

For further information on the recommendations made for funding with details of region and scheme please go to Department of Health or NTA websites.

UPDATE ON THE ACTIONS FROM EATA RESIDENTIAL MEETING

In the last briefing EATA provided feedback from the residential meeting that was held in October, below is progress on the actions as agreed. If you would like further information on any of the points please do not hesitate to contact us.

- NTA has confirmed that they have now met with all services who identified themselves as experiencing exceptional under-occupancy levels. Reports from all meetings have been distributed to NTA regional teams for information/action as appropriate.
- EATA has contacted the providers of residential rehabilitation to encourage full compliance with NDTMS and link services to local NDTMS managers where necessary. The figures for this are now available on the NDTMS website.
- A working group of providers and commissioners including EATA has been convened to look at strategic cluster commissioning.
- The Department of Health are to investigate claims that community care assessors are not complying with their statutory responsibilities with regard to eligibility criteria for drug using clients and identify possible actions to remedy this – Action still outstanding
- The NTA Launch the Tier 4 commissioning guidance and the residential rehabilitation models guidance along with a promotional campaign targeted at commissioners.

EATA LAUNCHES ACCREDITATION SCHEME

EATA is pleased announce that the accreditation scheme is now up and running.

For information about application please contact Ghada on the following email: ghada@eata.org.uk

On the 3rd May 2007, EATA will be holding an Optional Training day for members that are interested in the scheme and would like further information on the application process.

This will be held at:

**The Diana, Princess of Wales Memorial Fund
The County Hall, Westminster Bridge Road,
London. SE1 7PB. Time: 10.30am Price: £150**

The Chair of the Accreditation Panel, Simon Shepherd, will be introducing the Accreditation Scheme. Also present, will be EATA members from Clouds and Broadway Lodge who have gained the Accredited Provider Status in the pilot process. They will be giving a summary of their own organisation's experiences and how they overcame difficulties. This will be extremely useful for organisations wishing to gain the Accredited Provider status

If you would like to attend the Accreditation Training Day or would like any more information regarding EATA Accreditation please contact Ghada on: ghada@eata.org.uk

EATA FORUMS - Why not voice your opinion?

Do you have a view or opinion about a particular subject in the substance misuse or addiction treatment field?

Register at EATA forums and get your message out. **Visit: www.eata.org.uk**

NEWS FROM OUR MEMBERS

ANA TREATMENT CENTRES RELOCATE TO NEWLY REFURBISHED PREMISES

ANA Treatment Centres, established in 1998, provides residential treatment for those reliant on drugs and alcohol and has an abstinence-based twelve-step philosophy.

The new centre is for primary treatment and has 29 beds (four twins and twenty one singles), combining grounds, accommodation, treatment, leisure, and dining facilities. It is a modern building that ANA have had fully refurbished throughout to the highest standards.

Richard Johnson, Director, commented:

"The move represents a huge investment in improving our environment and quality of our services to clients. Our therapeutic programme is established and successful but we wanted to enhance our surroundings and offer increased leisure and educational facilities to our clients. The interior of the new place has been refurbished from top to bottom. The move to Fleming House, combined with CSCI registration and future programme accreditation through EATA, will see Fleming House become an excellent provider of Tier 4 Services on The South Coast.

ANA has always provided high quality therapeutic services and we now have the premises to go with them."

www.anatreatmentcentres.com

Members are encouraged to update us with their news whether they want it to appear on our website or in future membership briefings. Contact ghada@eata.org.uk, or you can send it by post.

KAREN BIGGS JOINS PHOENIX FUTURES

Karen Biggs joined Phoenix Futures as Chief Executive on 5th February 2007. Over the last 15 years Karen worked for Stonham and the Home Group, spending the last seven years in senior management positions. Karen is passionate about delivering services to the most excluded people in society. Commenting on her new role, Karen said: "I am incredibly excited about the opportunity of working with Phoenix Futures.

I see my role as leading the organisation to meet the very real challenges present within the sector while protecting the high quality of the drug and alcohol services currently being delivered."

Phoenix Futures, the charity's new name since November last year, now runs over 60 drug and alcohol treatment services across England and Scotland in residential, community, and prison settings helping thousands of people end their dependency and transform their lives each year

www.phoenix-futures.org.uk

CLOUDS PARENTS AND CHILDREN TOGETHER

In response to the Home Office's Hidden Harm Report, Clouds has been engaged in developing a program for the children of substance misusing parents.

The programme, called Children and Parents together, has now been piloted and evaluated by the University of Bath Mental Health Research and Development Unit. The report is informative and findings look to be very promising for the future.

For more information on PACT please click on the following link: <http://www.clouds.org.uk> or tel: 01747 830733 to order an information pack, priced £4.

FOCUS COUNSELING SERVICES LAUNCHES NEW COMMERCIALS

Focus12 are to launch a nationwide advertising campaign courtesy of advertising agency, Abbots Meade Vickers that will highlight the work of Focus12 but also, hopefully, open up a debate about the fact that drug use and longevity do not necessarily go hand in hand. The tag line of the commercials is "There is no such thing as an old junkie" and depending on the cooperation of TV companies will be shown from time to time on TV. Exact dates of the launching are uncertain at present but will certainly be within the next 8 weeks.

Focus12 are also holding a big fundraiser at The Great Eastern Hotel in London on Friday March 23rd. An evening of dinner auction and cabaret by Russell Brand will hopefully raise much-needed funds for Focus12. Tables of 10 are available at £1250.

For more information visit: www.focus12.co.uk

BIG LOTTERY FUND CASH HELPS LAUNCH LOCAL TURNING POINT PILOT SCHEMES

The Big Lottery Fund has awarded Turning Point a grant of £1.2 million to develop pilot programmes for service delivery to young people affected by their parent's alcohol misuse. This fantastic award is a direct result of the work put into last year's Bottling it Up Campaign - a major public campaign for staff and service users which

made several recommendations regarding service delivery. Currently, there are very few services in the UK that deal specifically with children affected by their parents' alcohol misuse and even fewer that provide support for the whole family. The funds will go towards developing pilot schemes linked to existing Turning Point adult services in London, Wakefield and Manchester. Turning Point will be able to work with children and parents in a family-centred way and vitally, engage with hard to reach children whose parents are not presently in treatment.

PIERPOINT LAUNCHES NEW ALL-FEMALE UNIT

Pierpoint have launched a NEW all-female detox unit on the Fylde coast. The eight-bed centre will be based at Female Focus, Craiglands, on Clifton Drive North, St Annes, which already runs single sex rehabilitation facilities from the site. The residential detox unit will be run by Pierpoint, which already has other addict treatment homes in the area - including an all-male detox and rehab centre called Pierpoint House, Clifton Drive North, and Holly Lodge - which provides extended treatment after patients have been through rehab - on Victoria Road, St Annes.



The management at Pierpoint believes that having single sex treatment centres is better during the first stages of rehabilitation and brings it in line with recommendations by the National Treatment Agency for specialist women's services.

Jason George, from Pierpoint Admissions, said providing separate units for men and women meant fewer distractions and also made clients feel more comfortable and less vulnerable.

NEW TURNING POINT SERVICE TO LAUNCH IN GWENT

A new Turning Point stimulants misuse service called STinG (Stimulant Treatment in Gwent) is due to launch on the 29th March 2007. The service, commissioned by The Gwent Drug Interventions Programme, will be based in two locations - Newport and Caerphilly. STinG will provide support for users of crack and other stimulants who want to address their drug misuse and make lasting changes to their lifestyle. The specialist treatment and support programme includes one-to-one counselling and group sessions, parenting courses, harm reduction info and advice, complementary therapies such as acupuncture and monthly workshops. STinG will also offer support to people close to the service user who may have been affected by their drug use.

WHAT'S YOUR ROLE IN THE TREATMENT OF ADDICTION?

This section is about sharing skills and best practices. EATA is providing you with an opportunity to tell us about the unique roles carried out by individuals within your organisation.

Name: Mel Mitchell

Job Title:

Service User Co-ordinator for West Sussex.

Job Summary:

Assisting Service Users to have a voice

We co-ordinate a small team of volunteers who work as Service User Representatives across West Sussex. Our role is focussed on increasing the involvement of service users in planning treatment and, ultimately, making services more accessible for all people with a drug and/or alcohol addiction. By working with service users across West Sussex we aim to address the above questions.

What questions does your job raise?

Are services meeting the needs of people living with a drug and/or alcohol addiction?

Do people with a substance misuse problem know how to have their voices heard?

Are service users being consulted in relation to changes in treatment and services?

What do you do?

As a service user co-ordinator, I visit service users across West Sussex and talk with them about their experiences of accessing treatment and their needs in relation to treatment. We facilitate service user groups in some services and provide one-on-one support for service users who are unable to access us through the groups.

Some of the work that we do includes:

- collecting feedback from service users,
- identifying gaps in service provision,
- informing the DAAT of areas of need,
- advocating on behalf of service users,
- assisting service users to make a formal complaint about treatment services,
- providing Hep C training to service users, and
- working with services to ensure that service users are consulted at every stage of service planning and delivery.

To increase service accessibility, retention in treatment, and lasting treatment outcomes the treatment provided by substance misuse services should match the needs of the service users. One way of ensuring this match is to empower service users to have a voice about their treatment needs. We aim to provide a means by which service users can have a voice.

For more information about the role of the Service User Co-ordinator and the service that we provide, please contact me on 07734883727 or mel.mitchell@addaction.org.uk.

UNITY

Treatment Awareness Week

A series of open days across the UK where you can visit alcohol and drug agencies

24th June - 1st July 2007

To register your own open day visit:
www.uniity.org

Email: secretariat@eata.org.uk

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NATIONAL

ALCOHOL, DRUGS & CRIMINAL JUSTICE: THE SHAPE OF THINGS TO COME 26TH - 28TH MARCH 2007 - COVENTRY

The Second national conference organised by Conference Consortium for those working within the overlapping fields of offending, drugs and alcohol. The programme will be a mixture of plenary sessions, panel discussions and debates and workshops. For more information and a booking form visit: www.conferenceconsortium.org

FAMILIES MATTER: BETTER COMMISSIONING OF CARERS' SERVICE, 27TH MARCH 2007 - LONDON

A free one day national conference organised by Adfam, looking at better commissioning of carers services, best practice in implementing national guidance and directions for future policy. This will be an opportunity for commissioners, practitioners, policy makers and carers themselves to share ideas, promote dialogue and enhance understanding. For more information visit: www.adfam.org.uk

AQUARIUS CONFERENCE: MAKING A DIFFERENCE 3RD APRIL 2007 - BIRMINGHAM

This one-day conference organised by Aquarius marks the 30th anniversary of Aquarius. Keynote speakers include: Prof Jim Orford and Prof Richard Velleman. For further details visit: www.aquarius.org.uk

MANAGEMENT OF DRUG USERS IN PRIMARY CARE: ANNUAL CONFERENCE 19TH - 20TH APRIL 2007, BIRMINGHAM

This year's annual conference, organised by RCGP & Healthcare Events, aims to address the 'whole systems approach', and how healthcare professionals can all work more effectively together to provide the best care for patients who use drugs and/or alcohol. For more information and a booking form visit the conference

RCGP 12TH NATIONAL CONFERENCE MANAGEMENT OF DRUG USERS IN PRIMARY CARE 19TH - 20TH APRIL 2007 HILTON BIRMINGHAM METROPOLE AT THE NATIONAL EXHIBITION CENTRE.

This is an event organised by: Healthcare Events Limited. For more information visit: www.healthcareevents.co.uk

DRUGS AND ALCOHOL TODAY LONDON 1ST MAY 2007, LONDON

For more information visit: www.fdap.org.uk

UNHOOKED THINKING, 2007: THE ADDICTION CONFERENCE 9TH - 11TH MAY 2007, BATH

This year's three-day conference - Love and Baggage is the second Unhooked Thinking conference. For more information and a booking form visit: www.unhookedthinking.com

INTERNATIONAL

15TH EUROPEAN CONGRESS OF PSYCHIATRY, "EUROPEAN PSYCHIATRY - SCIENCE AND ART". 17TH - 21ST MARCH 2007 - MADRID, SPAIN

The high-quality Scientific Program of the Congress will open new perspectives on the science and art of psychiatry and on issues related to treatment and patient care. The state-of-the-art lectures, plenary lectures and core symposia will indeed provide you with a full update on the most important aspects of treatment in psychiatry and on the latest achievements in this field.

UKESAD, 2007 17TH - 19TH MAY 2007 - LONDON

Organised by Addiction Recovery Foundation and partners. This year's UK European Symposium on Addiction Disorders is entitled "Moving beyond symptoms: identifying and treating core issues". Experts from the UK, Europe and the US will be speaking. For more information and a booking form visit - www.ukesad.org

FACULTY OF ADDICTIONS ANNUAL MEETING 3RD - 4TH MAY 2007 - HOLIDAY INN, BELFAST - THIS EVENT IS ORGANISED BY THE ROYAL COLLEGE OF PSYCHIATRISTS

For more information contact Sally Fricker using the details below:
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Visit: www.rcpsych.ac.uk

18TH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON THE REDUCTION OF DRUG RELATED HARM 13TH - 17TH MAY 2007 - CONFERENCE CENTRE - SOUTH WARSAW, POLAND

This event has been organised by The International Harm Reduction Association, the Conference Consortium and the ENDIPP
Web: www.harmreduction2007.org

PRISONER FUNDING

A guide is available of grant giving organisations in England who fund ex-offenders and serving prisoners, in order to increase participation in employment and training opportunities. Grants are available for a variety of activities including training, specific skills, business start up support etc. to search for this type of funding online please visit: <http://www.egas-online.org.uk/fwa/index.html>

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