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Chief Executive's Update

At one of the NTA's residential rehabilitation events at the end of March, a commissioner referred to the difficulty of bringing together funding streams as being akin to "herding cats". Whenever I hear this expression it always occurs to me that a herd of cats would not be terribly useful and that is probably why we haven't developed a good way of producing one.

The business of being a provider in the field is similarly tricky. In the last month we have dealt with many disparate issues affecting the field of treatment. A new set of NICE guidelines (which there will be more about in the policy briefing later in April), settling some questions of confusion around the new CQC registration regime, understanding where the Payment by Results agenda is heading were among them. If anyone needs assistance with herding cats they might do better than to ask our members.

The need to align funding streams and the work of statutory partners may be complicated but it has an important and useful purpose, which is to ensure that all effort in the field of treatment leading to recovery is well coordinated and effective.

In this current environment of change and austerity there is a real need to ensure that the effectiveness of all funding going into treatment and reintegration services is maintained and that its effectiveness is maximized and proven. That way we will be able to continue to build and improve treatment and achieve assist the largest possible number of people into recovery.

The poster features the eATA logo at the top right. A vertical purple banner on the left reads 'eATA SPRING EVENTS 2011'. The main text is in a teal box: 'ADDICTION: BUILDING INTEGRATED AND BALANCED TREATMENT'. Below this, it says 'LEARNING, DISCUSSION & NETWORKING FOR TREATMENT PROVIDERS'. The venues and dates are listed: 'VENUES AND DATES: BRISTOL - WEDNESDAY 4TH MAY, LONDON - FRIDAY 6TH MAY, MANCHESTER - MONDAY 9TH MAY'. Ticket prices are listed as: 'eATA Members: £35, two for £60; Non-members: £59, two for £97; includes lunch and refreshments'. A small photo at the bottom right shows a person at a podium in a conference room.

eATA Spring Event 2011

We are now taking bookings for our up-coming Spring events; click [here](#) for booking form to secure your place.

Addiction: Building Integrated and Balanced Treatment

Learning and Guidance for Treatment Providers

- [Bristol: Wednesday 4th May 2011](#)
- [London: Friday 6th May 2011](#)
- [Manchester: Monday 9th May 2011](#)

The programme will start at 12.30 with lunch and networking and then follow on with presentations and discussion.

For further details see our events page on the website [here](#) where you can also download the booking form to complete and return to us via email/ fax or post.

Members Ticket prices: £35 two for £60. Book before the Easter Break to avoid disappointment!

Any further queries please get in touch with Louise Louise. louise.walsh@eata.org.uk

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BRIC

Members are reminded they have until the 4th May to respond to the BRIC consultations "Building Recovery in Communities".

For member's wishing to respond to the consultation we have prepared a document with some pointers to potential answers. Please click [here](#) for these suggestions.

Ultimately it is advisable for all treatment providers to contribute to the response and so if you require any further help please do get in touch.

Please remember the more members who are able to respond, the more we can ensure that the voice of the independent sector provider is heard in considering the new recovery framework.

The NTA website detailing this consultation is <http://www.nta.nhs.uk/recovery-consultation.aspx> and the questionnaire can be found at <http://www.nta.nhs.uk/uploads/bricquestionnaire.pdf> questions to the NTA can be emailed to yourviews@nta-nhs.org.uk



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the Difference

March saw the launch of the eATA publication *the Difference*, a new project to raise awareness of the range and effectiveness of services that members are providing. The next edition will be sent to commissioners on May 1st and its theme is 'Community Involvement and volunteering schemes' all members are invited to submit a story related to this theme. This will enable their services to be marketed to commissioners. The first edition has been posted on our website to increase wider public awareness on the difference that member's are making – click here to view the document:

<http://www.eata.org.uk/publications/>

Submit your article by 8th April (roughly 1 page), to demonstrate how your service is contributing to the above theme. Post to Nina or Erin volunteer1@eata.org.uk or volunteer@eata.org.uk or call 020 7820 8130.

We have had some great responses from Commissioners such as;

***"THIS IS INTERESTING AND HELPFUL.
THANKS FOR FORWARDING IT ON
AND I LOOK FORWARD TO RECEIVING
FURTHER EDITIONS IN THE FUTURE."***

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Giving and Voluntary Work

Last July, the coalition government announced the re-launch of the flagship policy idea 'The Big Society'. As explained in the government green paper "Giving", the plan calls for three key components including the empowerment of communities, opening public services, and encouraging social action in order to "create a country in which people are in more control, supported to pursue their collective and individual goals, and are less reliant upon the state".

The paper outlines a framework that hopes to achieve cultural change with the intention of creating a more giving society. It identifies several elements meant to build and sustain momentum behind social action. One of these elements mentioned in the paper is finding more opportunities for volunteering and additionally discovering better ways to help individuals find these opportunities.

Registered charity YouthNet has established a national database of volunteering opportunities in the UK. The organisation believes that volunteering should be free and accessible to all individuals and provides a link between 'people who need help with people who want to help them'. The website, <http://www.do-it.org> is a useful database to help individuals and organisations find volunteers or volunteer opportunities.

The green paper also acknowledges the need for reciprocity and support in regards to volunteering. By making volunteering mutually rewarding for both volunteer and recipient, individuals, organisations and businesses are more likely to be ambitious in their support for the 'Big Society'.

Despite current financial pressures experienced within the nation's healthcare institutions, eATA members perform a variety of volunteer and charitable work within the drug and alcohol treatment and aftercare sector. In eATA's next issue of "the Difference", our aim is to demonstrate how eATA member organisations are exhibiting aspects of "**Volunteerism and Community Involvement**" in their practices.

We are encouraging members to submit stories or case studies in which volunteering or community involvement has played a vital role to the success of the organisation. Submissions will be collated and published in an e-publication created by eATA as well as be sent to our database of drug and alcohol commissioners. All submissions must be received by 8th April 2011 and should aim to be less than one typed page.

If your organisation wishes to contribute to our next publication or has any questions please do not hesitate to contact us at volunteer@eata.org.uk or volunteer1@eata.org.uk.

For more information on the government green paper "Giving" please visit the cabinet office website at: <http://www.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/sites/default/files/resources/Giving-Green-Paper.pdf>.

More details and recent policy updates will be published in the forthcoming Policy Briefing out mid April so keep your eyes peeled.

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And finally...

Tender Opportunity: Essex Drug and Alcohol Partnership Expires: 13th April 2011

EDAP is inviting expressions of interest for the provision of a community based Integrated Substance Misuse System.

The proposed system will bring together key aspects of provision for young people, adult and family services across the county of Essex (excluding Southend and Thurrock). The system will be made up of an Integrated Substance Misuse Recovery Management Service (young people, adult and families) and Specialist Interventions including, psychosocial interventions, other structured interventions and a mentor and support service. EDAP are inviting organisations and consortiums with a proven track record in delivery of substance misuse services to attend a Supplier Open Day.

The Supplier Open Day will set out the vision for an Integrated Substance Misuse System in Essex and will provide potential suppliers with the opportunity to discover more about the procurement process and will include a question and answer session with the commissioners.

Date: Wednesday 13th April 2011
Time: 2pm - 5pm
Venue: Essex Records Office, Wharf Road, Chelmsford CM2 6YT

To book a place at the Supplier Open Day please email: rita.smith2@essex.gov.uk
Places are limited to three per organisation
a forecasted contract start date of 1st April 2012.

In order to obtain both pre qualification questionnaire (PQQ) and tender documentation suppliers are required to register their details on the Essex County Council (ECC) supplier portal www.essex.bravosolution.com

The monthly e-bulletin from the European Association for the Treatment of Addiction (eATA) to keep our members up to date on the latest developments and news in the drug and alcohol treatment and aftercare sector. If you have any comments or questions about our articles, don't hesitate to get in touch.

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The logo for eATA, featuring a stylized lowercase 'e' followed by the letters 'ATA' in a bold, sans-serif font.

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