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EATA e-bulletin

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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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Chief Executive's Update

March has been another busy month for EATA including the launch of a fresh new brand for the next financial year.

A fresh look



We are pleased to announce a new look refreshing the existing brand – this process underwent considerable consultation with EATA Trustees, who represent the wider membership. We hope you like the new look – the website will be updated shortly along with our communications materials. **If you would like the updated logo for your website please contact volunteer@eata.org.uk**

Events and visits

I have also represented EATA at a number of events this month including Adfam's national conference at Ort House, North London. The conference provided a platform to launch Adfam's manifesto, which tries to address the gap between political rhetoric and the delivery of effective

family support services for substance misusing families. We heard from speakers including Carole Sharma from FDAP, Nick Lawrence from DCSF and Dr Chris Ford.

I was also lucky enough to attend a lecture by Dr Thomas McClellan, President Obama's Deputy Drug Tsar, which was organised by Conference Consortium and DrugScope. Dr McClellan gave the audience an insight into the current thinking in the White House about how drugs should be approached. This also included the recent announcement that the war on drugs is over and the recognition that there should be a more balanced approach to drugs balancing the money for dealing with drug supply and investing in drug treatment.

Members might also be interested in [Citizen Power](#), the launch of which I attended at the RSA. It is a project based in Peterborough where they are looking into more citizen involvement in local decisions and services including user-led drug services.

The team also visited Broadreach House in Plymouth and WGCADA in Swansea. Both visits were interesting and enjoyable showcasing the wider range of treatment options out there. In April we plan to visit the Nelson Trust, Inishfree and The Bayberry Clinic – if you would like us to visit your organisation please contact myself or Louise on 020 7553 9580 or email Katie.hill@eata.org.uk/louise.walsh@eata.org.uk

Drugs and Alcohol Today – inclusive subscription offer!

The new financial year 2010 - 2011 kicks off with a great new offer for EATA members. We are providing the journal Drugs and Alcohol today FREE within your membership package starting from June 2010.



The journal takes a fresh look at substance use, addiction, treatment and reports on the latest policy, laws, practice and developments. This quarterly journal has a market value of £195 per organisation and £59 per individual. The contents of the March edition can be viewed here <http://pierprofessional.metapress.com/content/121399/>

If you do not want us to send you this publication please get in touch and also if you would like us to send the journal to any particular individual then please tell us who.

The first edition members will receive will be the June edition – members will also benefit from the option of being able to sign in and access all articles online so you and any staff can search

through a catalogue of information from this journal. We will send you the details of log-in details once we have the details confirmed.

Commissioning and Tendering workshops

Oxfordshire DAAT, in partnership with the NTA, are holding a workshop on commissioning and the tender process in July.

The workshops are aimed at giving providers of residential services the opportunity to gain insight into the commissioning and procurement process and will include a session from Shoosmiths leading procurement lawyer, and the European Association for the Treatment of Addiction (EATA).

Please [click here](#) for the invite letter and booking form

Rehab online replaces BEDVACS

The NTA has launched Rehab Online, a new online directory of residential rehabilitation services for drug and alcohol problems in England and Wales. It will include up-to-date information about vacancies, and details of the range and types of provision, programme and other support services provided at each service. As the directory develops, more details, such as visuals of locations and premises, together with testimonials from residents and professionals, plus information from the Care Quality Commission regulatory framework, will be added.

It is important that members are involved and aware of these latest developments and so we would urge you to have a look at the website and get in touch with the contact below should you have any queries.

The directory is designed to help professionals, service users, families and carers access details of appropriate services and see where there are current and planned vacancies. Entries will be updated weekly and dated. Rehab Online replaces BEDVACS and the residential directory.

Service providers who have not already registered with Rehab Online are encouraged to submit their details. The NTA are also keen to raise awareness among [service user](#), family and carer organisations.

For more information, go to Rehab Online at www.rehab-online.org.uk.

If you have any questions about Rehab Online please get in touch with: Jez Stannard, Programme Manager - Treatment Delivery

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National Audit Office Report

A report by the NAO into government action to tackle problem drug use has made some conclusions on the outcomes of the drug strategy. They state that there has been good progress in a number of areas, including an increasing number of problem drug users in effective treatment and an increasing number leaving treatment free from dependency. However it is a concern that without an evaluative framework for the Strategy as a whole, the NAO is not able to conclude positively on value for money. Nevertheless, the NAO note that the Drug Treatment Outcomes Research Study (DTORS) has estimated the benefit cost ratio for drug treatment, the largest element of spending, at 2.5 to 1 and that the programme has delivered some significant successes.

However it is noted that actions to help drug users re-establish their lives have had limited results. Around 80 per cent of problem drug users claim benefits at a cost over £40 million a year. A £13 million a year initiative to get drug users into work has not been successful. Over the period 2006-07 to 2008-09, around 12,500 people a year entered the programme. But the proportion who kept a job for 13 weeks or more has stayed constant at around 8 per cent, costing £11,600 for each drug user who kept a job. In 2008-09, local authorities spent £30 million to services to help get drug users into suitable accommodation, but there is currently no UK research on the efficacy of measures aimed at putting problem drug users into appropriate accommodation.

Members Questions

EATA is pleased to launch a new way to communicate with your fellow members of EATA. The advantage of being part of a network of professionals in the know is an asset not to be missed, and so if you have any questions you think fellow members may be able to help with then please get in touch with us. Equally if you can help to answer the question below then we would love to hear from you. EATA will facilitate this process and publish in the next E-bulletin to ensure it is open to all.

Question 1

“Do any of you have any experience of, or information on detoxification and treating individuals for GHB?”

If you can help answer this question, or you know someone within your organisation that does, then please forward to them. Post your responses to louise.walsh@eata.org.uk quoting question Question.1.

With many thanks in advance for taking part in this brand new addition to the e-bulletin.

Partnership working – EATA Survey

As you may or may not be aware EATA is now working with Adfam, Drugscope and the Alliance as part of the Drug sector partnership. We have been busy with our regional conferences and

working on a survey to get your feedback, whilst our partners have their own projects and tasks to complete.

This is just a reminder to please send back your surveys as soon as possible. We appreciate you are all busy with various work demands but we would still welcome your views and suggestions. The survey is can be filled out online via SurveyMonkey [please click here](#)

So please download and send back to louise.walsh@eata.org.uk It will only take a couple of minutes of your time and we strive to follow up any suggestions and comments, thus we do believe the 10 minutes will be worth your while!

And Finally...

To follow up on a letter sent out in March this is just to remind all existing members who joined prior to 2009 that as from the 1st April 2010 we will be rolling out our new pricing structure as per the table below.

As you know as a full member the fees are dependent on the organisation's total operational costs over the last 12 months (for parent organisations these include all operational costs for any subsidiary facilities, and, in the case of those facilities which are part of a larger organisation, any central administration payment - however operational costs exclude spending on major capital projects):

Operational costs	Fees due (per annum)
Up to £200k	£225
£200k-£499k	£525
£500k-£749k	£900
£750k and above	£1000
International	£200

Please note that all new members and existing International members have been subject to this cost from 1 April 2009 and to confirm from 1 April 2010 all other existing members now be eligible for this pricing structure.

The Affiliate member the fees are £170 per organisation and £50 per individual.

We would also like to announce the option of payment by standing order from April 2010. By staggering payments over the year we hope to help smaller organisations manage their finances. We will send out further information about this payment option in April when we send out the invoices for membership 2010 – 2011. In the mean time if you would like to express an interest in paying by standing orders or you wish to discuss your membership then please do call me on 0207 553 9580 or email louise.walsh@eata.org.uk

