

Cordis Bright Collaboration project – Members Briefing

Partners:

EATA, DrugScope, The Alliance, Adfam

Aim:

The overall purpose of the Coalition is to provide an effective conduit between the drugs voluntary sector and Government and to support the implementation of the Drugs Strategy. One key role is to make available information and intelligence on key deliverables.

Each organisation remains independent with each separate project involving interlinked work streams. We want to reassure our membership that this is not a merger but an exciting and promising collaboration within the sector, which will enable us to deliver more events for our members and continuing to remain as the voice for the drug and alcohol treatment sector.

EATA's role

As part of the collaboration EATA will be focussing on **improving treatment**: this project plan is designed in accordance with Cordis Bright report on its review of second tier activity and aims to help prepare the drug treatment sector for the inevitable changes that will occur as a result of the down turn in public expenditure and changes that will follow any change in policy as a result of the general election. It will also help prepare the drug treatment sector for improving standards and delivery of treatment across the sector, for the changes required to deliver recovery and reintegration agenda and for managing the introduction of "World Class Commissioning" and implementation of standards required by the Care Quality Commission.

Objectives

What is the project intending to achieve?

- 1 Through a benchmarking exercise establish where we substance misuse treatment is now and what needs to be done.
- 2 To gauge the preparedness of the sector for change and establish priorities.
- 3 To provide support, advice and practical help to the sector for dealing with change
- 4 To act as a two-way conduit of communication between Government and the sector to create a dynamic dialogue for smooth transitions and transformation.
- 5 To disseminate information to unblock the barriers to an effective journey through treatment for clients

In order to deliver these objectives EATA will be organising and facilitating the following activities:

- CEO event – planned for the 19th October
- A series of three regional events – confirmed for Nov 3rd, Nov 16th and one in January (date tbc)
- A provider survey

- Feedback report to Government, speech writing, planning and HR.

Our partners will be focussing on the following:

DrugScope

DrugScope will be working to change the media's perception of drug use and as part of this they will be developing a collaborative website and developing a set of media toolkits and workshops for partner organisations and providers.

Adfam

Adfam will be focussing their efforts on designing a framework to support the development of a competent and trained workforce

The Alliance

The Alliance will be focussing on acting as voice of the service user, and attempting to reinforce the principle of service user involvement within in the personalisation agenda. Their project will seek to directly examine the experience of a wide range of people who have used and are using drug treatment, in order that their experience can inform future practice..

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