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## Chief Executive's Update

Another busy month for the organisation but the sector remains slightly in limbo as we await the revised drug strategy and more details on the new Public Health Service later this month. I attended a very interesting Editorial Board meeting for Drugs and Alcohol Today where we discussed the anniversary of the UN and payment by results. eATA hope to be contributing an article on outcomes in the middle of next year so watch out for that.

I hope you liked our new look policy briefing which will come out bi-monthly and aims to inform members about current policy developments.

The House of Lords event on the 24<sup>th</sup> November went very well members were able to meet with MPs/Lords and each other to discuss the current climate and opportunities for the future. I was really pleased about how the day went – thanks to Lord Adebowale for hosting and for Pavilion for their support to make the day happen.

## House of Lords Event

eATA held an event at the House of Lords, hosted by Lord Adebowale, and sponsored by Pavilion which drew together many representatives from the drug and alcohol treatment sector as well as members the Houses of Lords and Commons. This event allowed members of eATA to interact with some of the nation's decision makers as well as other members within the association. As an intern, this event was an extremely significant one—the ability to see the environment behind the walls securing the Palace of Westminster, especially for a student studying political science at a University in the US, provided me with tangible insight into the tradition and culture of British politics...

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## eATA and FDAP discussing options for future collaboration

eATA and FDAP are currently in discussions about greater joint working and a possible merger. The proposed new body for the drug and alcohol treatment sector will provide a strong, unified voice for raising standards in the drug and alcohol sector.

It will bring together each organisation's well established accreditation programmes for providers and the workforce.

Further details will be discussed and determined over the coming weeks as the respective Board's meet to discuss and plan options.

Please call Katie Hill on 020 7820 8130 if you wish to discuss further and/or if have any comments. **Please send through your comments before Christmas.** We will keep you updated on the discussions and consultation process with members.

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...Lords and Baronesses, MPs, and members of eATA all gathered together on Wednesday to discuss the current situation with regards to the drug treatment sector. Members took the time to speak with their members of parliament and to share progress made within the sector itself. The event was largely a success due to the number of people that attended and the quality of conversation between members and their representatives. Some of the notables that attended include but are not limited to Lord Mancroft, Baroness Doreen Massey of Darwen, MP David Burrowes, MP James Brokenshire, and Baroness Masham of Ilton. Some of the members that had representation include Pavillion, Action on Addiction, and Broadway Lodge.

*By Erin Fitzpatrick, Office Intern*



## IPPR Event on Welfare Reform

On 5<sup>th</sup> November, eATA attended a speech delivered by the Rt. Hon Douglas Alexander MP, Shadow Secretary of State for Work and Pensions at the Institute for Public Policy Research (IPPR). Chaired by IPPR's Director Nick Pearce, Alexander used this opportunity to deliver his first speech in his new role. Whilst much of the speech included the inevitable political rhetoric, he did go to some pains to emphasise that Labour would not oppose the coalition government's welfare reforms arbitrarily.

Alexander stated there needs to be a new transformational approach, adding that he will support the government where it promotes work and security, and will oppose it when it does otherwise. This was the first in a series of speeches expected to be delivered at the IPPR on the topic of welfare reform, and gives the public the opportunity to hear each of the political parties' visions for this crucial policy issue.

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## Ongoing compliance monitoring of services registered with CQC

Provided by David Finney Associates

### Registration status

If members wish to find details of how their registration appears on the CQC website they will need to search under Independent Health care rather than adult social care. The rationale I believe is that treatment is seen as health care matter rather than social care.

### Provider Compliance Assessment (PCA)

This is a major change for treatment providers who now have to complete a set of 16 documents, one for each core outcome area. In these documents you will need to provide evidence of how your services are meeting the outcomes for people using services in considerable detail.

In the past there was an Annual Quality Assurance Assessment (AQAA) completed once a year. Now this PCA has to be compiled on an ongoing basis as it meant to be a "living document" and the evidence has to be current. CQC can request this evidence at any time according to the regulations and in their own guidance documents say that they will give providers 5 working days to forward their information.

Members may find that if they have recently registered for the first time CQC need information about how the service runs and are tending to ask for these documents early on in the process. My recommendation is that members download the documents and guidance and begin compiling some of the evidence as soon as possible. The link for the PCA and guidance is:

<http://www.cqc.org.uk/guidanceforprofessionals/independenthealthcare/ourmonitoringofcompliance/howwemonitorcompliance/howwegatherinformation/providercomplianceassessment.cfm>

Here is a link to the general approach to compliance which CQC will adopt:

[http://www.cqc.org.uk/publications.cfm?fde\\_id=14500](http://www.cqc.org.uk/publications.cfm?fde_id=14500)

And here is a link to a document about CQC approach to the use of evidence about outcomes:

[http://www.cqc.org.uk/publications.cfm?fde\\_id=14496](http://www.cqc.org.uk/publications.cfm?fde_id=14496)

Some of these links may be cumbersome to follow so please press control and click at the same time. If this doesn't work please e-mail [david@davidfinney.org.uk](mailto:david@davidfinney.org.uk) and he will forward the documents.

### Definition of Excellence

You will no doubt be aware that the quality ratings are no longer being awarded following inspection. Instead there will be a new definition of excellence generated by CQC. So far the project was outsourced to the Social Care Institute for Excellence (SCIE) over the summer but it is now back in the province of CQC who should be going out to consultation soon I am told.

The aim of CQC is to introduce this new definition in the Spring of 2011. However exactly what it will entail i.e. whether you have to apply separately for this and whether it will be the same for adult social care and for independent health care is not yet clear.

### And Finally

Should you need further help with any of these issues David Finney will be only too pleased to assist. Whilst he is an independent consultant he is happy to give an initial free telephone consultation or e-mail response to eATA members.

It is planned to run training courses in the New Year for any people who wish to learn more from David.

Contact details are: - [david@davidfinney.org.uk](mailto:david@davidfinney.org.uk) or 01454 854846 or 07891 834564.

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## And Finally...

1. **Tendering Opportunities; NHS Islington invites expressions of interests from suitably qualified and experienced providers to deliver a drug and alcohol structured treatment programme within the borough.**

Please follow this link to register your organisation's details

<https://tenders.islington.gov.uk/systems/islingtonqtplanner.nsf> Expression of interest end date: 08/12/2010 14:00

2. **Training Opportunities; Mindfulness Workshop** Dates - 15th January 2011 - other dates and locations also available. Cost - £120 + VAT before 15th December, £135 + VAT after 15th December - The Mindfulness workshop has previously sold out at the British Psychological Society London. Delegates gave an average feedback score of 86% and said: "Workshop and presenters exceeded my expectations", "Lots of material that I can see myself using with clients", and "Exactly what it said on the tin"  
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3. **Members News; WDP wins Big Lottery funding**

WDP (Westminster Drug Project) has been awarded a three year grant from the Big Lottery Fund for a combined Supported Volunteering and Peer Advocacy Programme. The project titled 'Giving Something Back' will be based in four London boroughs: Westminster, Barnet, Wandsworth and Enfield.



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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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