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EATA e-bulletin

January-2010 – Year of Recovery

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.

Coming up in this month's e-bulletin...

- Chief Executive's Update
- Regional Conferences 09/10
- EATA launch GrantNet
- NTA Update
- And Finally....

Chief Executive's update

Happy New Year to all our members!

2010 is likely to be a year of upheaval for the sector and the country as a whole and is also the Year of Recovery.

Tier 4 Update

On the 17th December 2009 I attended a meeting convened by the NTA to discuss various issues and concerns facing tier 4 residential services. Whilst the majority of tier 4 services are completing NDTMS, a significant minority are not and should take urgent steps to do so as one of the problems is that Tier 4 is not fully connected in order to create a complete treatment system.

It was most useful to understand the strategic challenges of joining up tier 3 and tier 4 services and I sensed real commitment from the NTA to fully utilise residential rehabilitation as will be outlined in the upcoming DAT action plans and purchasing guidelines. However, certain segments of the tier 4 residential rehabilitation services need to insure that they are marketing themselves positively. Issues were discussed about how services can demonstrate the quality and effectiveness of tier 4, which EATA's accreditation scheme could go a long way towards achieving. Another issue raised was whether care managers from local authorities were given monthly progress reports on individuals and how they are progressing. There was also much discussion about Bedvacs and how this could be best utilised.

For a full breakdown of the meeting please [click here](#) to visit the NTA website.

Survey results

Just before Christmas you may remember being asked to take part in a survey in order to represent your thoughts and experiences on residential rehabilitation. It was conducted in

preparation for a meeting scheduled with the NTA on 17th December 2009, which Peter Martin (CBE), amongst other representatives from the drug and alcohol field, attended. Here is a summary of the results.

A staggering 82% of members we spoke to are experiencing financial problems. When asked about blocks and barriers to access rehab, 41% mentioned funding, whilst 17% said it was the referral process being too complex. Other reasons given include: practitioners holding onto their clients and not referring on; and the motivation of the clients. In addition to this we asked if there were any regional disparities and we found out some interesting examples.

These include;

- No detox in West Sussex County.
- No detox beds in Bristol; only 2 at 'Callington Hospital'.
- No in-patient detox in Birmingham.
- Funding in Scotland is poor.
- Wales is more willing to fund.
- No money in Berkshire.

Despite these regional disparities mentioned, it is clear there are some worrying trends across the UK in terms of residential rehab, with inequality of access, and many closures. Despite the benefit rehab offers, it is clear that the funds are not widely available. We have heard of some organisations having to haemorrhage cash from other services in order to keep their rehabs open and there is clearly a need for more investment if the future of rehabs stands a chance. This issue will be a high priority in for us in 2010!

Thanks to all those who took the time out to share your views, it was a really interesting and valuable exercise for us to conduct. We hope you can spare more time in 2010 to take part in more surveys, as your experiences and opinions are the key which enables us to represent you more effectively.

Regional Conferences 2009-10

Don't forget to register for our final conference in London, which are able to be delivered as part of the Cordis Bright project and our partners, DrugScope, The Alliance and Adfam.

Feedback from Derby attendees:

"We found the day a real inspiration. The speakers were both informative and inspirational. Also to know there is a voice that represents us at a level that can and does make a difference was the icing on the cake ... absolutely worth the 7 hour round journey."

Details:

When: 18th January 2010 11.00am – 4.00pm

Where: The offices of the Diana, Princess of Wales Memorial Fund, County Hall, Westminster Bridge Road, London, SE1 7PB

Confirmed speakers: Martin Barnes, DrugScope; Karen Biggs, Phoenix Futures; Peter Martin CBE, EATA; Pauline Bissett, EATA Accreditation; David Finney, Consultant; Wendy Dawson, The Ley Community, and Viv Ahmun, Equanomics.

GrantNet

Don't forget to try out our new GrantNet search engine, which is a new FREE service for EATA members. GrantNet is a search engine capable of searching through over 4,000 grants nationwide and European-wide.

In order to access this service please login to the members' area of the EATA website (login details below). You will then need to register with GrantNet before carrying out searches. All reports will then be sent through to us at EATA and we will then be able to pass on to you and provide you with any tips and suggestions in the application process.

A mailing has been sent out to all fundraisers and finance directors with their updated login for the website. Please contact Katie.hill@eata.org.uk or louise.walsh@eata.org.uk if you have not received any and would like to use the service.

NTA Update

The NTA has been busy towards the end of 2009 so here is a summary of the latest information from the NTA:

- **Rise in the number of cocaine-dependent women entering treatment** – on the 30th November the NTA provided further analysis on the national statistics released in October showing that whilst there was a decline in the number of women entering treatment for the most problematic drug use such as heroin and crack, there was an increase in the number of women entering treatment for cocaine addiction.
- **More injecting drug users are being tested for Hepatitis C** – figures for 2008/2009 show an increase in the number of IDU's entering treatment being offered tests for Hepatitis C. In the 2008/09 70% were offered the test with 47% accepting. The annual report on Hepatitis C from the Health Protection Agency also highlights concern over the future health burden from Hep C related liver disease.
- **Poll shows public support for drug treatment** – Independent research by Ipsos Mori shows voters from all political parties value the NHS providing treatment for drug addiction because it improves society and their communities. The poll was commissioned by the NTA to establish public attitudes towards treating drug addiction and places the benefits of making the community a more pleasant and safer place on the top of the pile.

And Finally...

Please do keep sending through your stories to Katie.hill@eata.org.uk. We have been posting your stories up for the last month and some have been picked up by DSDaily. We will also be including them in our quarterly newsletters so photos are also welcome!

Happy New Year!