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Chief Executive's Update

This has been an exciting time to take up the reins at eATA and my first month in the role has been eventful (mostly in a good way).

There is much to celebrate. We have a new Drug Strategy with an even stronger commitment to recovery oriented treatment than the last one and the Pooled Treatment Budget has not been cut by the same margin as some other Government expenditure.

There is also much to ponder. We will be monitoring information about mainstream NHS funding into treatment to see if pressure elsewhere result in disinvestment. We will also be looking carefully at the plans for Public Health set out in a number of consultations emanating from the Department of Health.

The Drug Sector Partnership has continued to develop a unified voice for the sector. We have found working alongside our colleagues in Adfam, the Alliance and DrugScope has been of great benefit. Check out the website at www.drugsectorpartnership.org.uk

At the last meeting we discussed our forthcoming statement on the Payment by Results (PbR) pilots currently being selected. There is more about PbR later in this bulletin.

Welcome New Members

eATA would like to welcome the following new members; **The Cabin, Chaing Mai and The Recovery Centre, London.**

eATA Board Update



eATA is pleased to announce that Steve Cooke (The Nelson Trust) has taken up the position of Chair of eATA. In addition we would like to also welcome Michael White (Stabilisation Services) and Wendy Dawson (The Ley Community) who have recently joined the Board of Trustees. It is with regret that Steve Rossell has now resigned as the Chair of eATA and from the Board of Trustees; however Cranstoun will remain a member and supporter of eATA. eATA is grateful for Steve's contribution over the years and we wish him well in his future endeavors.

The updated list of eATA Board of Directors is provided below for your information:

Steve Cooke – Nelson Trust
Wendy Dawson Ley Community
Gina Dormer – Broadreach House
Brian Dudley – Broadway Lodge
Richard Johnson – ANA Treatment Centres
Anthony Massouras – Mimosa Healthcare
Chip Somers – Focus 12
Michael White – Stabilisation Services

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Payment by Results:

The forthcoming Pilots for Payment by Results for Drug Treatment (PbR) have been much discussed in the blogosphere this last couple of weeks, with concern being expressed by a number of our members that providers are not getting a look in.

You will see opposite that Anne Milton MP, the Minister for Public Health, has clarified the situation for us in a statement for this Bulletin. We have been making the point to Government that providers are anxious about how these Pilots are going to change the landscape. Valued services, with mature relationships with commissioners, are concerned that their business, and therefore the service that their clients receive, will be disrupted by this change.

The scale of any change, to start with, will be relatively small. There are 6 Pilots (so 6 out of about 150 Partnership areas). These areas will set up a system relying on a single assessment/referral service, which regulates access to a prime provider, or a group of providers, that will deliver treatment in the PbR framework. There is much yet unresolved about how these systems will work. The period from April to October 2011 is designated a "co-design" period.

The key questions that we will be asking are:

- How will the full range of services be protected in the new system, allowing for client choice?
- How will smaller providers, especially those who are usually spot purchased, be engaged with? (we have offered to provide specific mediation with the pilot areas on this issue)
- How will the pilots be evaluated?

It is clear to all of us that there is potential for PbR to achieve results for clients. It is also clear that, if insensitively implemented, it could have negative consequences.

We will monitor the pilots and through planning and implementation period and maintain dialogue with Government about the emerging issues.

Providers would be well to be asking their commissioning partnerships if they are hoping to be a PbR pilot now. The sooner that dialogue begins the better we can ensure that providers' views are taken into account

Ministerial Statement on Payment by Results



Public Health Minister Anne Milton said:

"I have been most impressed by the strong desire of both drug treatment providers and local drug partnerships to take part in pilots for Payment by Results for drug recovery.

"28 local areas have expressed interest in being part of the pilots. We are looking to select six sites to explore a range of different models for recovery support. Once the sites are chosen we will work with them on how best payment by results can deliver the ambitions for recovery outcomes, as set out in the recent Drugs Strategy.

"I am grateful for eATA's involvement in the Expert Group which will oversee this work, and we will be recruiting additional members - in particular providers and commissioners - to the Expert Group after the pilot sites have been selected."

The language of the new world

A new government often means a new lexicon to navigate. Outputs become outcomes; personalisation is dressed up as patient choice; and third sector becomes civil society. Learning to work within this new framework can take some time to get used to but is it really that important? In many cases yes it is important to talk the language of those currently in charge and helps to illustrate your service.

The buzzword members should be using plenty of is outcomes. If you provide an element of training support; volunteer brokerage; a sober house – these can all lead to positive outcomes so it is all about learning to sell your service and highlight the core business commissioners will be looking for.

Here is a selection of how some words and emphasis has changed.

<u>Before</u>	<u>After</u>
Stakeholder =	Business partner
Rollout =	Implement
Small government =	Smart/efficient government
The state =	Big Society
Targets =	Outcomes/Payment by Results
Regional =	Local
Dependency =	Aspiration
Investment =	Spending
Engage with =	Learn from
Outputs =	Outcomes

Possible Merger Update

It has recently been reported that there were discussions between eATA and fdap regarding a possible merger. We would like to update members that these discussions will not be going forward, as it has been decided that the merger will not be taking place. eATA and fdap will continue to collaborate on the issues that affect its members and welcome comments from members on this issue.

Interns Assist with “The Difference”

eATA would like to welcome its new interns Nina Elizondo from Mexico and Erin Iglewski from the US. They will be assisting eATA on an exciting new project and will be working here until Easter. Members were emailed on the 31st January to introduce the Project and Nina and Erin will be following up by contacting interested members by phone within the next couple of weeks.

SAVE THE DATE!! eATA Regional Conferences 2011:

Bristol: Wednesday 4th May **London:** Friday 6th May **Manchester:** Monday 9th May.

Members Consultation:

- What subjects do you want covered?
- Who do you want to speak?
- What input would you like?
- Member feedback welcome - and we will endeavor to incorporate them into conference.

And Finally...

Training Opportunities: Action on Addiction are now in the process of enrolling students on the part-time Addictions Counselling Foundation Degree and BSc Honours Degree courses for an October 2011 intake before tuition fees are significantly increased as of autumn 2012.

The Centre for Addiction Treatment Studies' Foundation Degree and Honours courses are highly regarded and, with the increasing demand within the field for experienced and qualified counsellors, this is a much sought-after professional qualification.

To take advantage of this last opportunity to register at the current price level please take note of the enrolment deadline 15 March. For further information please contact Ellie Tucker on 01985 843740 or email ellie.tucker@actiononaddiction.org.uk or Rebecca Duffy on 01985 843782 or email rebecca.duffy@actiononaddiction.org.uk

Members News: A new partnership between two of the country's main residential rehab charities has paved the way for growth in the provision of housing for people in rehab treatment and recovery from addiction.

The amalgamation of TTP Housing and Inward House Projects brings more than 200 recovery beds under one provider, making it one of the largest providers of recovery housing in the country. The new organisation will work in partnership with TTP Counselling to deliver inpatient detox, residential rehab, community daycare and abstinent treatment for drug or alcohol addiction.



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