

Drugs SIG

AIMS

- Provide a forum to communicate, collaborate and coordinate action.
- Provide advice on strategy and implementation of Scottish drug policy to Scottish Directors of Public Health.
- Provide operational advice and support to implementing organisations/groups

Progress

- Knowledge exchange and best practice forum
- Review of RRR to identify key areas where Public Health could add value
- Mapping of current activities across board for priorities identified
- Response to RRR, membership of SG Surveillance Group, group on Nfo/ACP

Drugs SIG workplan/DsPH support (1)

| | SIG work plan – national models for local implementation/adaption | Proposed DsPH support |
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| Evidence based practice | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Drug consumption rooms -Heroin Assisted Therapy -Stepped care approaches to OST | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Literature review -Advocacy, policy, guidance, resource |
| Drug trends surveillance and response | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Establish surveillance & response on Health Protection model | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Advocate for health protection approach, HPS lead and resource. |
| Anticipatory care planning | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Evaluation non-fatal overdose f/u - Identify & plan for people at risk - Housing first approach - Local public health expertise to evaluate | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A clear message to partners in HSCP & CPP that early intervention is necessary and cost effective. - Savings are likely in short term and seen across multiple organisations. |

Drugs SIG workplan/DsPH support(2)

| | SIG workplan – national models for local implementation/adaption | Proposed DsPH support |
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| Children and families | <ul style="list-style-type: none">-Specific interventions LAAC-Removal of children-Definition/coordination of PH approach across boards | <ul style="list-style-type: none">-DsPH clear position on 'inclusion health'-Support national group on CAPSM? |
| Effective management and use of data | <ul style="list-style-type: none">-Rationalise national Drug Related Death Database-DSA across boards/partners-Support quality improvement approach | <ul style="list-style-type: none">-Advocate for resource, policy, guidance |
| Improving general health | <ul style="list-style-type: none">-Not clear but people with multiple exclusions need something additional to ensure access and benefit. Some investigation needed | <ul style="list-style-type: none">-Advocate for resource, policy, guidance |

All this enabled by...

- **Including work in Public Health team job plans**
- **A clear statement from DsPH how they view the severity of the situation:**

Emergency....crisis....concern....