



**Meeting held at 3pm on Tuesday 16 February 2016
Mandela Room, City Chambers**

PRESENT: Colin Beck (Health & Social Care) (Chair)
Chief Supt Kenny Macdonald (Police Scotland)
Tim Montgomery (NHS Lothian)
Tricia Burns (NHS Lothian)
Nick Fraser (Licensing Board)
Nick Smith (EADP)
David Williams (EADP)
Jeanette Shiells (Minutes)

In attendance: Alex Wright (PhD student)

1. Apologies

Apologies were noted as below:

Michelle Miller (Chief Social Work Officer)
Caroline Johnston (Governor, HMP Edinburgh)
Tracey McKigen (NHS Lothian)
Jim Sherval (NHS Lothian)
Nick Croft (Corporate Governance)
Andy Jeffries (Communities & Families)
Phil Heaton (SUNE)

In the absence of Michelle Miller, Colin Beck took the chair and introductions were made around the table.

2. Minutes of Meeting on Tuesday 17 November 2016 and Matters Arising

The minutes were agreed as an accurate account of the meeting.

2(a) Delivering our priorities

- *Create a vibrant recovery community*

Nick Smith reported that in the last week 50 people had attended a recovery event and actions were being taken forward to develop a citywide approach.

- *Progress report on Young People's Substance Use Service*

Nick Smith noted that Michelle Rogers has moved on and options are being looked at to replace her and continue this work. In the meantime he is pulling together the action plan.

ACTION: Nick Smith

2(b) *Scottish Government Review*

Nick Smith noted that the Scottish Government Self-Assessment Evaluation was due to start on 1 December but this has been delayed and ADPs are asked to submit a position statement to the Care Inspectorate by 19 February. Treatment services have been contributing to an online service user survey and staff survey. The self-assessment is to measure how the EADP has implemented the national quality principles for drug/alcohol treatment services. The process will be led by the Care Inspectorate who will carry out 20 case file audits and will hold a site visit which might include interviews with stakeholders. A confidential local report will be received along with a report which will be published nationally on overall progress.

3. **Drug Related Deaths – key issues and responses**

Peter Fairbrother, Drug-related Deaths Review Co-ordinator at NHS Lothian gave the Executive a presentation on his work around drug-related deaths. His role is to support and co-ordinate the review of drug deaths in Lothian and report to the National Forum of Drug Related Deaths in Scotland. Peter explained that the definition of a drug-related death is one 'that is due to the toxic effect of controlled drugs.' His PowerPoint presentation outlined the population at risk and the substances involved.

Peter referred to the Drug-related deaths Action Plan 2016 produced by the Lothian DRD Reduction Steering Group and highlighted five areas to mitigate risk:

- Local review of cases – multi-agency co-operation
- Following up on cases of non-fatal overdose
- Addressing prescribing issues
- Communication between pharmacy & prescriber
- Take Home Naloxone

A general discussion ensued and members acknowledged funding cuts but agreed the need to look at what is being done locally to reach people who have difficulty in engaging with services. There are issues to be addressed around culture and a fear of expressing vulnerability. It was agreed that the Exec look at identifying this population and consider responses that would have an impact. Nick Smith agreed to convene a group to take forward a piece of work around the Edinburgh part of the DRD Action Plan.

ACTION: Nick Smith

4. **Financial Position 2016/17**

Nick Smith referred to the previously circulated report which sets out the EADP financial position for 2016/17. The report summarises a number of proposed and actual reductions which total over £2million. This equates to 29% of the budget.

Nick noted that a letter had been received by the Health Board from the Scottish Government intimating that there would be a 20% reduction in funding and that the Health Board would need to find the shortfall. The Board had yet to indicate whether it can identify this funding. Alongside this NHS Lothian is proposing to take a £291k efficiency saving against this budget 2015/16. Due to concerns raised by ADPs this saving is being delayed until 2016/17 but it is proposed to take a further £291k efficiency saving in 2016/17. This would mean a further reduction in funding of £582k in 2016/17. Nick noted that the Scottish Government has made it clear that under no circumstances should ADP funding form part of NHS efficiency programmes. As most of the proposed funding cuts are unconfirmed there is a very short timeframe for ADPs to develop plans.

Nick reported that a number of funding decisions had been made to take £500k from the treatment system from 1 April 2016. His paper sets out the risks of funding reductions. The Treatment and Recovery Collaborative will continue to work on a Development Plan and Financial Plan.

There was a general discussion and members agreed there are challenges around prevention, reducing harm and supporting recovery from problem drug and alcohol use. The Exec noted the contents of the report but agreed that in the circumstances it was difficult to confirm that investment in children, young people and prevention services should be exempted from any reductions in 2016/17. Nick indicated that it was hoped to get a response in terms of funding from NHS Lothian at a meeting of the pan Lothian Substance Misuse Group on Thursday 18 February.

5. **Waiting times performance and action plan**

Nick Smith referred to the previously circulated paper setting out waiting times performance. The performance in Quarter 3 was 76%. Nick noted that Improvement Plans are in place for Simpson House and NHS Lothian Substance Misuse Directorate.

There are significant challenges within SMD Locality Teams and the paper sets out an improvement plan. This includes the objectives of the plan, the proposed actions and timescales. Tim Montgomery noted that there have been staffing problems but the issue of fixed term contracts will be resolved. Tricia Burns highlighted actions in terms of understanding where capacity is and looking at allocation and referrals with support from the Meridian programme.

Nick Smith noted that improving capacity in Primary Care is a partnership challenge involving social work and the 3rd sector and it would be helpful to put trajectory against locality areas.

It was agreed that the improvement plan would be reviewed in April.

6. **AOCB**

There was no other business.

7. **Date of Next Meeting**

3pm on Thursday 19 May in Mandela Room, City Chambers

Action Point Summary

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|-------------|-------------|--------------------------|------------------|----------------------------|
| 2 | 2(a) | YPSUS | Nick Smith | ongoing |
| 2 | 3 | DRD Action Plan | Nick Smith | immediate |
| 3 | 5 | NHS SMD Improvement Plan | NHS SMD/ EADP | ongoing Review in April |