



**Meeting held at 3pm on Tuesday 17 November 2015
Mandela Room, City Chambers**

PRESENT: Michelle Miller (Chief Social Work Officer) (Chair)
Councillor Bill Cook
Rob McCulloch-Graham (Chief Officer Edinburgh Health and Social
Care Partnership)
Supt Liz McAinsh (Police Scotland)
Tim Montgomery (NHS Lothian)
Colin Beck (Health & Social Care)
Gary Todd (Corporate Governance)
Morag Leck (Licensing Board)
Michelle Rogers (Children & Families)
Nick Smith (EADP)
David Williams (EADP)
Jeanette Shiells (Minutes)

1. Apologies

Apologies were noted as below:

Caroline Johnston (Governor, HMP Edinburgh)
Alistair Gaw (Children & Families)
Andrew Mitchell (Services for Communities)

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting and Matters Arising

The previous minutes were accepted as an accurate record.

2(a) NPS – update on key issues

Liz McAinsh noted that a Sheriff had granted a forfeiture order for NPS products. Following the granting of the order trading standards supported by the police visited all the retail premises in Edinburgh selling NPS. Letters were also sent out from trading standards. All the retailers handed over their NPS and the outcome is that none of the 'head shops' in Edinburgh should be selling NPS products.

3. **Delivering our priorities**

Nick Smith referred to the 6 priorities in the EADP 3 Year Plan which had been highlighted at the previous meeting. Two presentations set out the challenges and responses around two of these priorities.

Priority 1: Create a vibrant recovery community, which is accessible to people across the city.

Presentation from Branching Out in Recovery

Phil Heaton introduced Karen Harbord from the Branching Out in Recovery Project at the South East Recovery Hub. The project had come about following a conversation cafe for people in recovery in the Craigmillar area. The Castle Project then worked with key members of the recovery community to support them to develop Branching Out.

Karen then described her involvement and the activities provided by the project. There is a steering group of four people who meet every month to decide what to do within that month. The project has secured £3,000 of funding and activities include arts and crafts. Speakers are invited from other organisation such as VOCAL who spoke about what they have to offer children and families. Karen said that in future she hoped that there would be a similar project in every area of the city.

Michelle Miller thanked Karen for her inspiring talk.

Priority 2: Address drug/alcohol use problems for children and young people who are at risk.

Progress report from Michelle Rogers, Principal Officer Young People and Substance Misuse

Michelle Rogers gave an update on the Young People's Substance Use Service in Edinburgh and outlined some of the challenges. She was unable to give a PowerPoint presentation due to technical issues.

The EADP commissioned Create Consultancy to assess the needs of young people with drugs and alcohol issues across Edinburgh. One of the recommendations in the needs assessment was to develop consistent citywide support for children and young people. As a result Barnardo's were commissioned to carry out this work. Barnardo's set out a model of service provision consisting of a central hub and local provision through partner agencies. Robert Keightley was appointed as Co-ordinator to bring this work together.

There is now an agreed definition of Tier 3 and Tier 4 services and Robert has an agreement that all services will use the same screening tool, referral form and assessment form. A shared set of outcomes has also been agreed and approval is awaited for a single data sharing agreement. Michelle noted that there is still a need to ensure that the right young people are being targeted including those in residential

care. She asked the Exec to consider how other organisations can help in terms of reaching the most vulnerable young people.

A general discussion ensued and members agreed it would be helpful to develop links with the police and A & E and the opportunities to involve parents in addressing the needs of their children.

Michelle Miller thanked Michelle Rogers for her presentation and said she looked forward to receiving a copy.

Nick Smith said that the next step would be for a clear action plan for each of the priorities. It would then be the responsibility for the Executive to ensure that the partnership delivers on this.

Action: Nick Smith

4. **Quarterly Performance Report**

Nick Smith took members through the Quarterly Impact Report. He said that it was a relatively positive picture in terms of data. In particular he highlighted the key target of people entering the recovery community and the proportion of injecting drug users in receipt of Naloxone. He agreed to circulate more detailed figures about the number of people who have used Naloxone.

Michelle Miller questioned what was being done to address the rise in drug related deaths. Nick noted that there is an ageing population who have a range of complex other health issues and are more vulnerable to drug related deaths. There is a Lothian Strategy Group and this group have drafted an action plan in response to the issues raised in the Scottish Drug Related Deaths Annual Report. This includes the distribution of Naloxone and support for people leaving prison. Nick agreed to bring a paper to the next meeting setting out the challenges and key local actions.

ACTION: Nick Smith

5. **SMD Waiting Times Improvement Plan**

Tim Montgomery took members through the improvement plan which has been developed within the NHS Lothian SMD to address the challenges around meeting the waiting times target in the locality teams. He noted that the SMD has moved to a new IT system and data should be more accurate in future. Tim highlighted issues around staffing and the variation across the city in the management of caseloads. The Meridian Programme is in the process of undertaking a review of the substance misuse service across all localities. He also noted the need to develop clearer pathways to primary care in line with the new key working approach required across services. A stepped care model is being developed to make sure people are getting the right intensity of care.

Michelle Miller said it would be useful to have a trajectory to measure the improvement in activity against. There was commitment and support around the table to holding the partnership to account about what is being achieved.

ACTION: Tim Montgomery

6. Service Redesign

David Williams reported the undernoted work is ongoing:

- Process of tendering 3rd sector services in the recovery hubs
- Residential Alliance looking at residential services in light of Health and Social Care Strategic Plan
- Review within the Aftercare Alliance around increasing capacity
- Children Affected by Parental Substance Misuse Service out to tender. Announcement will be made in January 2016.

7. AOCB

7(a) Scottish Government Review

Nick drew attention to the announcement from the Scottish Government in relation to a review of self-assessments by ADPs in their annual reports. There will also be a review of the Quality Principles for treatment and recovery services and how well they are being delivered. The process for this will be an assessment of a series of case notes against the Quality Principles. The timetable for the review is between January and April 2016.

Michelle Miller expressed concern regarding the lack of notice about the review. Members were content for her to explore the intentions and expectations of the Scottish Government.

ACTION: Michelle Miller

7(b) Edinburgh Partnership

Gary Todd noted that the Edinburgh Partnership has a small revenue budget to support partnership business arrangements during the next three years. It is open to any of the nine strategic partnerships to kick start projects with match funding.

8. Dates of meetings in 2016:

All at 3pm in the Mandela Room, City Chambers

16 February
19 May
16 August
17 November

Action Point Summary

| Page | Item | Action | Who | When |
|-------------|-------------|----------------------------|-----------------|-------------|
| 3 | 4 | Drug Deaths paper | Nick Smith | 16/02/2016 |
| 3 | 5 | SMD Improvement Plan | Tim Montgomery | ongoing |
| 4 | 7(a) | Scottish Government review | Michelle Miller | Immediate |