

**Meeting held at 3pm on Monday 22 June 2015  
Diamond Jubilee Room, City Chambers, Edinburgh**

**PRESENT:** Michelle Miller (Chief Social Work Officer) (Chair)  
Councillor Bill Cook  
Tim Montgomery (NHS Lothian)  
Debbie Eccles (NHS Lothian)  
Mairi Simpson (NHS Lothian)  
Jim Sherval (NHS Lothian)  
George Webster (HMP Edinburgh)  
Colin Beck (Health & Social Care)  
Andrew Mitchell (Services for Communities)  
Mary McIntosh (Children & Families)  
Phil Heaton (SUNE)  
Nick Smith (EADP)  
David Williams (EADP)  
Jeanette Shiells (Minutes)

**1. Apologies**

Apologies were noted as below:

Gerry Michie (Deputy Governor, HMP Edinburgh)  
Supt Liz McAinsh (Police Scotland)  
Alistair Gaw (Children & Families)  
Morag Leck (Licensing Board)  
Nick Fraser (Licensing Board)

**2. Chairing Arrangements**

Michelle Miller noted that Peter Gabbitas is currently on leave from his post of Director of Health and Social Care. As an interim arrangement she has been asked to lead on health and social care for the Council and similar arrangements are in place for colleagues in health to take the lead in NHS Lothian. A Chief Officer of the Integrated Joint Board will be appointed in due course. It was agreed that Michelle would act as interim Chair of the EADP pending the appointment of a Chief Officer by the IJB.

### 3. **Minutes of Previous Meeting and Matters Arising**

Andrew Mitchell noted that his name was missing from the attendance list for the meeting on Tuesday 14 April. The minutes were otherwise accepted as an accurate record.

#### 3(a) *Contact with Universities in terms of NPS*

Michelle Miller reported that Gary Todd has set up a meeting with university partners. Nick Smith noted that he and Emma Crawshaw met with Edinburgh University Student Support Services. The university appeared to be well resourced in terms of substance use issues with the only requirement being some ABI training for individual support for students around alcohol.

#### 3(b) *NPS – update on key issues*

Nick Smith reported that an impact assessment session has been held looking at the impact of the legislation to ban or criminalise NPS. Andrew Mitchell noted that local action in terms of forfeiture orders is still ongoing and it remains a possibility that action may be taken before next April. Two cases have been reported to the Procurator Fiscal who is drafting a report for the Lord Advocate.

Nick Smith noted that the work to reduce availability was welcomed however the impact assessment highlighted the concerns about users moving back to Heroin and an increase in crime. Some contingency plans have been drawn up in terms of engaging people in treatment and prevention. He agreed to circulate a report around the Executive.

**ACTION: Nick Smith**

### 4. **EADP 3 Year Strategy and Delivery Plan**

The EADP 3 Year Strategy and Delivery Plan had been previously circulated along with a paper which summaries the key local drivers for the strategy and the priorities for 2015-18. Nick Smith noted that the strategy is a requirement of the Scottish Government and has been developed in partnership with colleagues in crime reduction and community safety. It is aligned with the Edinburgh Community Plan 2015-18. Nick briefly went through the key points and said it was an opportunity to check with members of the Executive that the plan is right in terms of delivery. He highlighted the importance of working together with community safety and taking community engagement approaches.

Michelle Miller questioned governance of the strategy and the chain of approval after the EADP Executive. Nick noted that the strategy had already been submitted to the Scottish Government but it would be useful to take it the Edinburgh Partnership for further discussion. In terms of sign off the timeframe did not allow for that but the October meeting of the Edinburgh Partnership would be an opportunity to submit the plan and provide evidence of the progress that has been made and actions that are going to be taken.

**Action: Nick**

## 5. **Drug Related Deaths**

Jim Sherval noted that this item was on the agenda because in April this year there were 17 drug related deaths across Lothian while usually there were seven or eight in a month. This was a large spike in terms of deaths and it was difficult to pinpoint a particular issue. Jim referred to the GRO report on Drug Related Deaths in Scotland 2014 which will be published in August 2015 and said that 73 deaths in Edinburgh are anticipated. There are approximately three other deaths where NPS were involved but are not included as they do not come under the Misuse of Drugs Act. There were 58 drug related deaths in Edinburgh in 2013.

Debbie Eccles noted that a piece of work is being undertaken in localities looking at prescribing, age of deaths and clients who see their GP but do not come through treatment services. Jim reported that he has met with the Lothian ADPs and an Action Plan has been drawn up. It was unclear whether the figures were an isolated blip or a shift in terms of risks people are taking in their drug use.

The Executive were content with the work that is currently being done.

## 6. **Securing delivery of key services from April 2016**

Nick referred to the previously circulated paper which sets out the arrangements for securing the delivery of services after 31 March 2016 when a number of contracts are due to end. He gave the Executive a brief overview of how contracts will be procured.

As the EADP support functions, including finance and procurement are hosted by the City of Edinburgh Council the EADP is required to follow the Council's regulations as set out in the Council's Contract Standing Orders. This means that all services need to go out to tender. If the value of the contract is above £172,514 governance for that sits with the Council although service design sits within the EADP.

A summary of the services and process for securing delivery is set out in tables attached to the paper.

The Executive noted the contents of the paper and awaited updates on the process of securing delivery.

## 7. **Waiting Times**

The previously circulated Waiting Times Performance Report indicates that the target of 90% of people waiting less than three weeks for drug/alcohol treatment is still not being met. The EADP monitors performance on a monthly basis and the performance in May 2015 was 84%. Nick noted that action was being taken at a local level to make sure that people are seen within the three week target. Debbie Eccles reported that there is an ongoing process of quality checking data in the NHS to confirm that data is accurate and that all activity is being captured. An analyst from ISD is assisting in this work. Debbie also referred to the current staffing position with

vacancies for nurses in the south of the city. Recruitment is now underway to these posts. She said the waiting times target should be achieved in the next few months.

Tim Montgomery felt it would be helpful to understand more about how the NHS was managing waiting times and to capture the pathway of care in the system. He said it was important to be transparent about what is articulated to staff and the public. The Executive agreed that there should be one system across the partnership to pick up key targets and to align reporting triage assessment. Nick Smith agreed to circulate guidance.

**ACTION: Nick Smith**

**8. AOB**

Nick Smith circulated details of a proposal received from a PhD student to examine the implementation of Scotland's Alcohol Strategy at a local level using Edinburgh as a case study. The Executive supported the proposal in principle and agreed that Alexandra Wright be invited to attend the next meeting to talk through her plans.

**Action Point Summary**

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2	3(b)	NPS report	NS	Immediate
4	7	Waiting times guidance	NS	Immediate