

Report to: Community Protection Panel

Date: 17th September 2007

Subject: Development of Alcohol Treatment Services in Wigan and Leigh

Report of: Director of Environmental Services

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Purpose/summary: To inform panel of the development of Alcohol Treatment Services in Wigan and Leigh

Alternative options considered and reason for selecting the one recommended: n/a

Recommendation/decision: That panel note the content of the report.

Key Decision: This report does not involve a key decision. The decision made as a result of this report will be published within **48 hours** and cannot be actioned until **seven working days** have elapsed, i.e. before

Risks/Implications:

Financial:	n/a
Staffing:	n/a
Policy:	n/a
Equal Opportunities - has a Diversity Impact Assessment been conducted?	No
Wards affected:	All

Property – Does the proposal involve a reduction, addition or change to the Council’s asset base or its occupation?

No

Does this proposal have significant implications for the Council and the local population?

No.

Does this proposal involve a new policy or procedure or significant changes to an existing policy or procedure?

A diversity impact assessment is not necessary at this stage, however, equality and diversity implications have been considered when producing this report.

Has the Director of Legal and Property Services confirmed that the recommendations within this report are lawful and comply with the Council’s Constitution? **Yes/No ***

Has the Director of Finance and IT confirmed that any expenditure referred to within this report is consistent with the Council’s budget? **Yes/No ***

Are any of the recommendations within this report contrary to the Policy Framework of the Council? **Yes/No ***

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Categorisation of the report:	X		
Discussion leading to a decision		Discussion	
Monitoring		Decision	
Sharing for corporate understanding		Information	X

Tracking/Process:

	Consultation	Ward Members	Partners
Panel	Overview & Scrutiny	Cabinet	Council
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There are no Background Papers to this Report within the meaning of Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972.

Proper Officer Martin Kimber

Date 31st August 2007

1.0 Background:

- 1.1 Rona Cruikshank, Assistant Director Public Health for Ashton Wigan Leigh PCT and John Marshall, Assistant Director Priority Services Commissioning for Ashton Wigan and Leigh PCT, submitted a business case to the PCT Board for additional resources to be allocated to alcohol services in the Borough. It was announced in April that the business case had been successful and that an additional £612,000 would be allocated to alcohol services recurrently from April 2007.

2.0 Market testing

- 2.1 In April, a group of commissioners (Rona Cruikshank, John Marshall, Carol Lyons and Paul Pandolfo) made some preliminary decisions on where the new resources would be invested based on provider consultation, Models of care for alcohol misusers (MoCam) the Alcohol Misuse Needs Assessment and the Alcohol Strategy action plan.
- 2.2 It was decided that to ensure value for money and to enable services to be established as quickly as possible, the new services would be developed using a market testing process this year. This would assist in demonstrating effectiveness in year to the PCT, and would also assist with a further business case for additional alcohol resources to the PCT in the Autumn 2007.
- 2.3 A range of providers were invited to submit a quote to provide the new services. On 22nd May 2007 the commissioning group met again to make a decision on which providers would be allocated the new resources. Further detail is contained below and full details of the process used and the evaluation criteria are available on request

3.0 Proposals: New Services

- 3.1 In summary the additional £612,000 for alcohol will fund the following services;

3.2 Alcohol triage assessment service (BST)

This service will provide a single point of contact for all those seeking help for alcohol problems. Their needs will be assessed within 48 hours of making initial contact and they will then be referred into the most appropriate service to deal with their problem.

3.3 Increased capacity to deliver care planned and co-ordinated treatment (BST)

The existing alcohol treatment service will be expanded by an additional four treatment workers making a total team of 9 to provide increased treatment places for dependant drinkers.

3.4 Outreach service -Criminal Justice Worker and Community Outreach Worker (BST)

Additional capacity within existing services to ensure that offenders who misuse alcohol receive appropriate support and to provide valuable resources to engage with and retain offenders in treatment who might otherwise find it difficult to stay motivated.

3.5 One to one aftercare service (BST)

Dedicated individual support for those leaving alcohol detoxification to help maintain abstinence.

3.6 Hospital Liaison nurse (BST)

A dedicated post to identify those individuals whose health issues result in an inpatient hospital stay where engagement with an alcohol treatment service may prevent that need.

3.7 Contribution to the women's only alcohol service (The Willow Project)

A dedicated support service for women who are affected by their own or someone else drinking.

3.8 Alcohol aftercare service (ADS)

To provide move on opportunities and a structured programme of activity as well as counselling and alternative therapies to assist those who wish to stop drinking achieve and maintain abstinence.

3.9 Contribution to WWL NHS Trust for hospital based alcohol service.

To support the detoxification that is currently undertaken within an inpatient setting in Wigan Infirmary.

3.10 Young persons alcohol outreach worker (YPDAT)

Additional provision to engage with young people who are drinking harmfully who might otherwise not engage with services.

3.11 Asst Drug & Alcohol Business Manager post (Wigan Council)

An existing post responsible for developing commissioning for alcohol services, previously funded by short term monies.

3.12 **Alcohol Strategy Officer post** (Wigan Council).

An additional post to develop performance management, information sharing and communication in relation to alcohol.

4.0 **Alternative options considered and reason for the recommended option:**

4.1 Three quotations were received in relation to each element of service commissioned. The providers above were selected from those quotes based on a variety of criteria which included cost, quality, effectiveness and added value to the whole treatment system.

5.0 **Conclusions:**

5.1 This additional funding is a welcome and much needed increase to the investment that is required to tackle alcohol problems within the borough.

5.2 Work is continuing in relation to developing our responses to alcohol and a further bid for additional funding will be submitted to the PCT Board in the autumn.

5.3 Further progress and performance of these new services will be reported to panel in due course.