

# Rough Guide to Borders Alcohol & Drugs Partnership (ADP)

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## **Who this guide is for?**

This guide has been written as an introduction to the structures and processes in place to reduce drug and alcohol issues in the Scottish Borders.

It can be used by members of the Borders Alcohol & Drugs Partnership (ADP) or subgroups, specialist and generic staff and members of the community who have an interest in the work of the ADP.

## **Background**

Alcohol and Drug Partnerships are embedded within wider arrangements for community planning and in place in each local authority area. This reflects a growing recognition that alcohol and drug issues cut across not only the “health” stream of community planning but also those relating to the economy and community safety.

## **What is the ADP**

The Scottish Borders Alcohol & Drugs Partnership (ADP) is a strategic partnership tasked with delivering a reduction in the level of drug and alcohol related problems amongst young people and adults in the Borders, and reducing the harmful impact on families and communities. We are committed to working with the Scottish Government, colleagues, people with lived experience, family members and local communities to tackle the problems arising from substance use. We do this by developing and implementing strategies for addressing drug and alcohol problems at a local level.

Members are senior members of staff from local organisations involved with education and prevention; delivering treatment and care; delivering criminal justice; law enforcement; protecting adults and children from harm.

The ADP is currently chaired by the Director of Public Health for NHS Borders. The Vice Chair is the Director of Social Work and Practice for Scottish Borders Council.

The ADP Board is assisted in their work by the ADP Support Team which consists of a Strategic Lead, Coordinator, Health Improvement Specialist and Project Officer.

### **Who is represented on the ADP?**

The ADP is made up of representatives from the following organisations:

- NHS Borders (Public Health, Mental Health, NHS Borders Addiction Service)
- Scottish Borders Council (Elected Member, Social Work, Safer Communities Team)
- Police Scotland
- Drug & Alcohol Third Sector organisations

### **What does the ADP do?**

Amongst other things the ADP is responsible for;

- Work with local partners to take forward the whole population approach on alcohol and effective prevention and early intervention interventions for alcohol and drugs.
- Ensuring there is the correct range of drug and alcohol services available informed by evidence and based on identified need.
- Making the decisions on how the funding from Scottish Government will be spent and putting in place performance management arrangements to track progress.
- Implementing the national drug and alcohol strategy Rights, Respect and Recovery<sup>1</sup> as well as the new National Mission<sup>2</sup> to reduce drug-related deaths and harms.
- Implement Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) Standards<sup>3</sup> to ensure people have immediate access to the treatment they need with a range of options and the right to make informed choices.

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<sup>1</sup> [Supporting documents - Rights, respect and recovery: alcohol and drug treatment strategy - gov.scot \(www.gov.scot\)](https://www.gov.scot/supporting-documents-rights-respect-and-recovery-alcohol-and-drug-treatment-strategy)

<sup>2</sup> [National Drugs Mission Plan: 2022-2026 - gov.scot \(www.gov.scot\)](https://www.gov.scot/national-drugs-mission-plan-2022-2026)

<sup>3</sup> [MAT Standards](#)

- Communicating the impact of activities to stakeholders including people using services and the public.

## **Governance**

The ADP is held accountable by the Scottish Government via the Health and Social Care Partnership. Scottish Government's expectation of ADP alignment with the Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP) has increased since development of the National Mission and plans are in place to improve our routine and exception reporting to the HSCP.

## **Funding**

Alcohol and drug funding is allocated to Health Boards for onward delegation to Integration Authorities. The Health and Social Care Partnership requires the ADP to ensure a line of reporting to the Integration Joint Board (IJB) for performance and finance reporting.

The ADP's Annual Report, provides details to the Scottish Government on specific alcohol and drug funding spend which is allocated to Health Boards for onward delegation to Integration authorities; and is in line with financial reporting arrangements agreed with the IJB.

## **Subgroups**

The ADP has two formal subgroups (Drug Death Review Group and the Lived Experience Forum) and various working groups. The ADP is also represented by the Support Team on a number of local and national groups. See Appendix 1.

## **ADP Support Team**

Each ADP must also ensure there is a Support Team which is funded within ring-fenced funding provided by Scottish Government. The Support Team is currently based at Scottish Borders Council Headquarters. The Support Team are the people you should speak to about ADP activities. Their details are:

Fiona Doig	Head of Health Improvement/Strategic Lead - ADP
Susan Elliot	ADP Co-ordinator
Sandra Wayness	Project Officer
Rupali Sachar	Health Improvement Specialist
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### **What does the ADP Support Team do?**

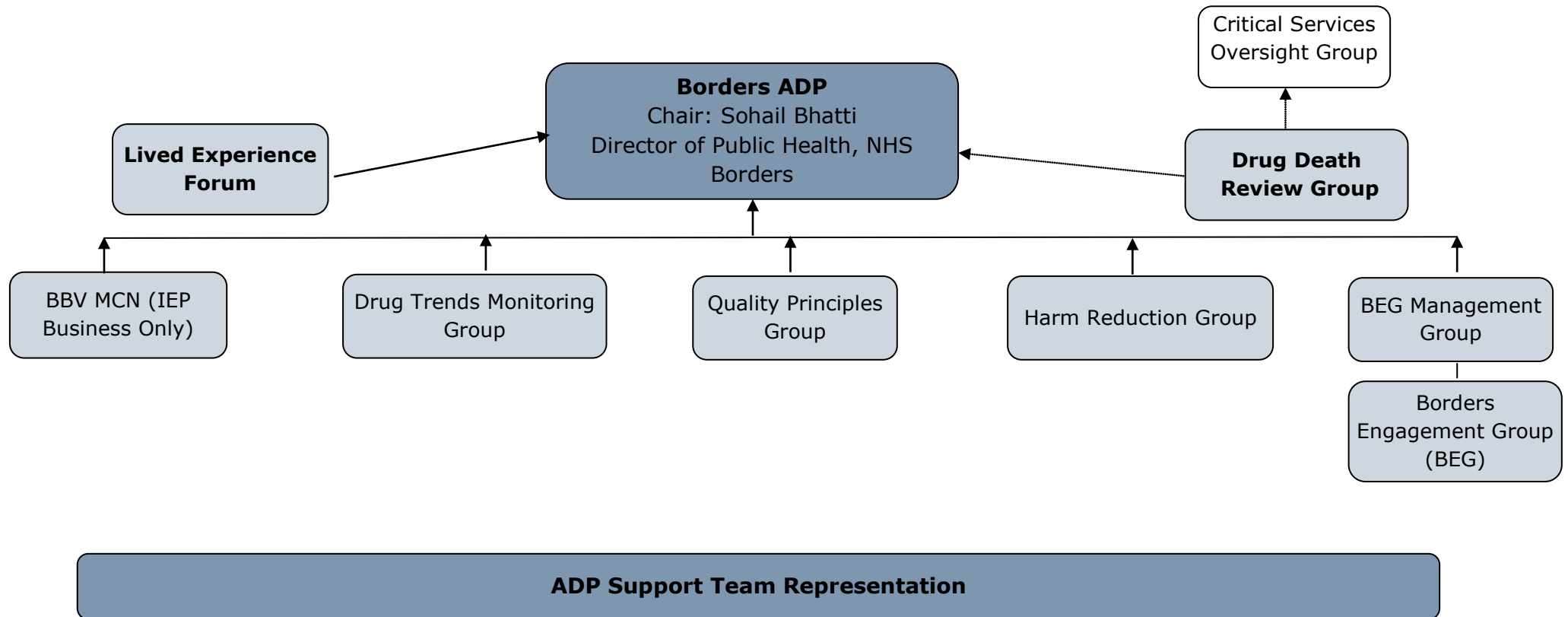
The Support Team ensures the effective operation of the ADP through functions including:

- Overall management of the creation, implementation and performance of local drug and alcohol strategies, delivery plans and annual reports across multi-agency partnerships including secretariat
- Transparent distribution of Scottish Government spend on alcohol and drugs and reporting of spend via appropriate governance routes
- Facilitation of partnership working and implementation of national ministerial priorities and locally agreed priorities
- Supporting performance management and reporting into the Community Plan, NHS Borders Local Delivery Plan, Children & Young People's Planning Partnership and Integration Joint Board
- Developing services to improve the health and wellbeing of people with or affected by alcohol and drugs
- Actively contributing to national working groups to influence policy and support implementation at local level
- Developing and maintaining information management systems
- Consulting with key stakeholders and community groups in the identification of local issues and priorities
- Gathering, analysing, interpreting and providing information/statistics
- Coordinating communication requests (Media/Freedom of Information Requests/Members of Public/Professionals)

**Further information**

For more detailed information please contact the ADP Support Team on 01835 825900. More information about the work of the ADP Delivery can be accessed via our website: <http://www.nhsborders.scot.nhs.uk/badp>

## Appendix 1: Borders Alcohol & Drugs Partnership



### Local

Adult Protection Delivery Group  
 Blood Borne Virus Managed Clinical Network  
 Borders Community Justice Board  
 Child Death Review Group  
 Child Protection Delivery Group  
 Children and Young People's Planning Partnership Network  
 Equality and Human Rights HSCP Sub-Group  
 Local Licensing Forum  
 Violence Against Women Partnership  
 Mental Health and Wellbeing Board

### National

Alcohol Focus Scotland Board (Director)  
 Blood Borne Virus National Prevention Leads (non sexual transmission)  
 Drug and Alcohol Data Group  
 Drug Related Deaths Coordinators Group  
 National Incident Management Team – Drug Related Deaths  
 National Licensing Forum  
 Public Health Alcohol Special Interest Group