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 tackle 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 who have an interest in the work of the ADP and members of the community.

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 ADP is a partnership of agencies and services involved with alcohol and drugs (including illicit, new psychoactive substances and some prescribed drugs). It provides strategic direction to reduce the level of drug and alcohol problems amongst young people and adults in the Borders and reducing the harmful impact on families and communities by co-ordinating the work of drug and alcohol statutory and third sector agencies and by developing and implementing strategies for addressing drug and alcohol problems at a local level. It is not responsible for addressing tobacco use or blood borne viruses (BBV), but has close links with the BBV MCN (Managed Clinical Network).

Members come from all local organisations involved with education and prevention, delivering treatment and care, delivering criminal justice, law enforcement, protecting children from harm and require to be at senior level.

The Chair is nominated by the members and is then in post for a three year period. Tim Patterson, Interim Joint Director of Public Health, NHS Borders and Scottish Borders Council is the current chair.
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 Services, Borders General Hospital, Finance)
- Scottish Borders Council (Elected Members, People Department including Children and Young People’s Services)
- Police Scotland/Safer Communities Team
- Drug & Alcohol third sector organisations via Scottish Drugs Forum

What does the ADP do?
The ADP is responsible for amongst other things;

- 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 drug and alcohol strategies, including working with the Scottish Drugs Recovery Network to implement recovery and with local partners to take forward the whole population approach on alcohol and effective prevention and early intervention interventions for alcohol and drugs

- Communicating the impact of activities to stakeholders including service users and the public

Governance
The ADP is held accountable by the Scottish Government via the Community Planning Partnership. There is also a line of reporting on performance and
finance to the Integrated Joint Board. A high level draft governance structure is presented in Appendix 1.

**Funding**

NHS Borders administers ring-fenced budgets for alcohol and drugs work on behalf of the Partnership. The Partnership makes its own spending decisions on the basis of delegated authority from each partner organisation. Funding is in two streams:

- Drug Treatment Funding
- Alcohol Treatment Funding

**Subgroups**

The ADP has two formal subgroups (Executive Group and Drug Death Review Group) and various working groups. The ADP is also represented by the Support Team on various groups. See Appendix 2.

**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:

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**What does the ADP Support Team do?**

The Support Team ensures the effective operation of the ADP through the 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

• Facilitate partnership working and implement national ministerial priorities and locally agreed priorities

• Supporting performance management and reporting into the Single Outcome Agreement, NHS Borders Local Delivery Plan, Children & Young Peoples Leadership Group and Integrated 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 maintain 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. The ADP Delivery Plan can be accessed via www.badp.scot.nhs.uk
Appendix 1: Borders Alcohol & Drugs Partnership

Borders ADP
Chair: Tim Patterson
Interim Joint Director of Public Health, NHS Borders and SBC

ADP Executive Group
Chair: Tim Patterson
Interim Joint Director of Public Health, NHS Borders and SBC

Drug Death Review Group
Chair: Jim Wilson
Independent Adult Protection Chair

Critical Services Oversight Group

Alcohol Brief Interventions
Data & Performance Management*
Drug Trends Monitoring Group
Quality Principles Group*
Take Home Naloxone/Injecting Equipment Provision
Workforce Development

ADP Support Team Representation

Local
- Children and Young People’s Leadership Group and Commissioning Sub-Group
- Child Protection Committee Training Sub-group and Practice Development sub-group
- Borders Community Justice Group
- ADTAC (Safer Communities)

National
- Violence Against Women Partnership
- Local Licensing Forum
- Blood Borne Virus MCN
- Health Promoting Health Service Group
- BBV National Prevention Leads (non sexual transmission)
- Drug and Alcohol Data Action
- Drug Related Deaths Database
- Older Drug Users (short-life SDF)