



## Norfolk Needle Exchange and Supervised Consumption Combined Advisory Group

Held: 10.30 a.m., Monday 22nd July 2008  
Conference Room, Phoenix House, Norwich

### Minutes

<b>Present:</b>	<b>Apologies:</b>
Catherine McWalter ( <i>Chair</i> ) (CM)	Neil Howard
Paul Brierley (PB)	Andi Nunney
Tony Dean (TD)	Neil Howard
Richard Price (RP)	Sue Graham
Tom Tomkinson (TT)	Kirsty Daynes
Veronica Nelhams ( <i>mins</i> ) (VN)	Georgina Bacon
	Tony Oram

Item	Subject
1.	<b>Declaration of Interest:</b> None
2.	<b>Apologies for absence and introductions:</b> CM welcomed everyone to the meeting and apologies were as shown above.
3.	<b>Acceptance of minutes from previous meetings of the Norfolk Needle Exchange and Supervised Consumption Combined Steering Group held on 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2008 (including any confirmation of any part of the minutes exempt under the Fol Act).</b> The minutes were recorded as a true and accurate record and all actions had been carried out.
4.	<b>Matters Arising:</b> CM told the group that the 2006/07 Health Commission Audit results were no longer embargoed and it was official that Norfolk Drug & Alcohol Partnership had been classified 'Good' against the review areas of commissioning and harm reduction.
5.	<b>Financial Update &amp; Activity Update</b> PB said that the contract with Cliniserve for waste collection had been renegotiated, and that there had been an approximate 4% increase in cost to cover inflation. PB also said that the contract with Frontier for packs and ancillary equipment had now expired but the arrangements were continuing as agreed under the NHS 'approved providers' framework. PB told the group that Roz Brooks had now re-signed the contract for HEP B vaccinations and after a very hectic start catching up, new series of vaccinations should be drip-feeding

	<p>in.</p> <p>PB explained to the group that NTA monitoring meant that the six monthly stocktake currently performed by pharmacies as a part of the payment for activity process would now also constitute part of the reporting system into NEXMS and that therefore he would now be ensuring all pharmacies returned the data in a timely manner. This will ensure that all pharmacies are paid and the difficulties previously experienced with uncertainty around how much money needed to be rolled forward to cover late claims should be resolved.</p> <p>CM thanked PB for his work on the NTA 'NEXMS' monitoring system as a lot of DAATs had had problems getting to grips with this and had asked to be put in touch with Paul for assistance.</p> <p>TD said that the Government were now claiming vat of 17.5% from pharmacists for needle exchange back to 2005. He also said that there was a need to look at the pricing structure as there was no guidance for when pay reviews should be carried out.</p> <p>CM to meet with PB to discuss and raise with Jocelyn Pike for her guidance.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> CM/PB to meet and discuss pharmacist payment structure with the PCT</p> <p>PB said that the budget looked fairly spot-on and he hoped to now start recruiting some 100 hr pharmacies.</p>
<p><b>6.</b></p>	<p><b>Clinical Governance</b></p> <p>PB presented the Clinical Governance Annual Reports for Needle Exchange and Supervised Consumption and asked the members of the group to review and comment back to him by 29<sup>th</sup> August 2008. The templates for these reports were supplied by Great Yarmouth and Waveney PCT.</p> <p>RP suggested that the status of the aims and objectives could be ragged and PB agreed to put this suggestion to the PCT.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> VN to distribute copies to the group</p> <p>PB to ask PCT whether the ragging system could be used for status.</p>
<p><b>7.</b></p>	<p><b>Supervised Consumption Co-ordinators - update</b></p> <p>PB presented the annual report for Needle Exchange and Supervised Consumption and asked that comments be sent to him by 29<sup>th</sup> August 2008</p> <p>PB would also like to know if there was anything particular the group wanted in the report and whether it needed any clarification.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> VN to distribute copy of report to the group.</p>
<p><b>8.</b></p>	<p><b>Harm Reduction Strategy</b></p> <p>CM told the group that the members of the group would each be receiving a personal copy of the draft Harm Reduction Strategy which was currently being finalised before going out for consultation. She explained she had a 'hit' list of names and organisations that she would be sending the strategy to and she would add any names to the list that the group wished to recommend.</p> <p>CM also told the group that she had made a presentation on the Harm Reduction Strategy to the Service User Engagement Sub-Training Group on 21<sup>st</sup> July.</p> <p>Once finalised CM would be drawing together a group to oversee the strategy and would like the NEX group to be included..</p>
<p><b>9.</b></p>	<p><b>Supervised Consumption in Custody</b></p> <p>RP told the group that Norfolk Constabulary had negotiated a new medical services contract with a company in Essex and that they would no longer be carrying out supervised consumption in custody. The rationale for this was that it needed two officers to accompany the detainee to the pharmacist responsible for filling the prescription; that there was inequality with detainees who came from other parts of the county and the country and it</p>

	<p>created problems regarding PACE.</p> <p>PB also showed the group a draft form that would be completed for the detainee which would provide evidence for them to give their prescriber and pharmacist explaining the reason for nonattendance and detailing any treatment received whilst detained.</p> <p>It was noted that a telephone number for the healthcare professional should be included on the form.</p>
<b>10.</b>	<p><b>NEX and Young People</b></p> <p>Katie Hammett (KH) the Young People's Joint Commissioning Officer joined the group for this agenda item.</p> <p>KH explained to the group that there was some confusion about 16 and 17 year olds accessing NEX.</p> <p>Initially Drugscope said that 16 and 17 year olds accessing needle exchange should be in an appropriate service and should have gone through an assessment and have a care plan. Essential Elements recommended that all 16 and 17 year olds should have access to the adult needle exchange scheme and currently this was the guidance that Norfolk are currently following.</p> <p>However, a draft strategy currently out for consultation appeared to be returning to the original Drugscope guidance. When asked for clarification the NTA response appeared open to interpretation but would appear to be suggesting that 16 and 17 year olds could access adult needle exchange services following an assessment although not necessarily as a care planned intervention.</p> <p>The group felt that the NTA should give clear feedback on what Norfolk had in place and whether this remained acceptable pending new guidance. Once the NTA had given this feedback, this group would make a recommendation to the Young People's Joint Commissioning Group. The recommendation should note that, for accountability, the Children &amp; Young People's Partnership Board needed to be aware of the position taken on the issue.</p> <p>PB agreed to write to pharmacists about supervised consumption in custody and the current position on needle exchange for young people once guidance had been received from the NTA.</p> <p><b>Action: KH, CM and PB to discuss the recommendation to be made from this group, communicate the draft recommendation to the group, before approaching the Young People's Joint Commissioning Group.</b></p>
<b>11.</b>	<p><b>Any Other Business</b></p> <p>There was no other business</p>
<b>12.</b>	<p><b>Date, time and venue of next meeting:</b></p> <p>Tuesday , 18<sup>th</sup> November 2008– 10.30am  <b>Phoenix House, Norwich</b></p> <p>To be Chaired by Catherine McWalter, Joint Commissioning Officer, Norfolk DAAT.</p>

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