

NEW Tackling Drugs logo



The new "Tackling Drugs Changing Lives" identity is ready to use on all of your future literature and communication. It will replace the old logo from March 2005 but previous printed information will be used until stocks run out. For more information contact Norfolk DAAT.

New Thetford User Group

Nigel Munro the DAAT's Service User Involvement Coordinator has established a new group in Thetford. For more information contact Nigel 01603 677574.

Spring brainteaser!



1) What are the guiding principles of the 2003 Licensing act?

2) How many CDRPs are there in Norfolk?

3) When were DATs first set up?

4) The National Treatment Agency was created by the Government in 2001 to improve, (fill in gaps) of treatment for drug misuse in England.

5) What are the four key areas covered by the 1998 National Drugs Strategy?

Answers:

1) The prevention of crime & disorder; Public safety; The prevention of public nuisance; The protection of children from harm.
2) Seven - one in each district council area.
3) Drug Action Teams or "DATs" result from a White Paper "Tackling Drugs Together" which was published by the Conservative Government in May 1995.
4) Availability capacity & effectiveness
5) Treatment; Young People; Safer Communities; Supply.

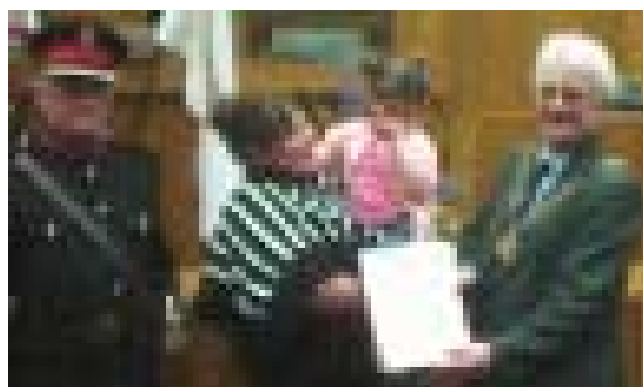
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Cathy Howlett will be leaving Norfolk DAAT on April 29th to take up a new position as Development Manager for the Healthy Living Initiative in East Cambridgeshire.

Cathy is very sad to be leaving after almost two years, but travelling 120 miles a day is not a healthy lifestyle choice that she can continue to sustain. Cathy says ' The developments in the field across Norfolk have been outstanding and I am very proud to have been a part of this. The commitment to excellence by the whole workforce is enviable, and I wish everyone, specifically the users of our services, the very best of continued success.'
2nd March 2005.

Svetlana Hannah, Training Administator at Norfolk DAAT receiving her certificate of citizenship at County Hall Council Chambers on 2nd March 2005



Svetlana's picture at the ceremony

Camera available to loan
Norfolk DAAT has a digital camera available to loan to partner organisations who want to photograph events etc. Contact 01603 677877

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News from the Norfolk Drug & Alcohol Action Team

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The Norfolk Drug Interventions Programme

The Norfolk Drug Interventions Programme (DIP) goes live on Monday 18th April 2005. It has been set up to work with people who use illegal drugs, and whose drug use has led to offending. The DIP is managed by Jen Meade.



The programme is funded by the Home Office, with the aim of reducing drug related crime by streamlining services to offenders where the use of illegal drugs is closely connected to offending. It is a partnership of existing agencies that work with substance misusing offenders. For example, Probation, CARAT teams in prisons, arrest referral services and substance misuse services. The programme is designed to co-ordinate and enhance existing provision.

At the heart of the Drug Interventions Programme is a new team, the Norfolk Criminal Justice Interventions Team (CJIT). CJIT will act as a single point of contact for professionals who work with drug using offenders and will work with existing agencies to track eligible offenders through both the criminal justice system and the drug treatment agencies.

In addition CJIT will case manage offenders where there is no existing supervision in place and work closely with agencies to ensure that the treatment needs of drug using offenders on their caseload are assessed and appropriate services accessed. They will also offer support to chaotic offenders to access services.

In order for someone to be eligible for services from the CJIT team they must be over 18, use Class A drugs and be local to Norfolk. In addition, for the first 6 months the Team will only take clients released after a prison sentence. Clients have to be referred. They cannot self-refer. For more information about the Norfolk Drug Interventions Programme contact the service by telephone on 01362 852930 or fax 01362 852939.

Welcome to the Spring edition of DAAT News in which we focus on the new Norfolk Drug Interventions Programme. The service will start to take referrals from 18th April.

In Great Yarmouth PCT area will change from June 1st. NORCAS will continue to provide advice, information, counselling and needle exchange from their premises at 59 North Quay. Clinical services will be provided by Norfolk & Waveney Mental Health Partnership NHS Trust, from new offices in Northgate Hospital.

I hope that by the Summer edition we will have information on the new Key Performance Indicators for DAATs and news of the national review of partnership arrangements of the Crime & Disorder Act 1998 and Police Reform Act 2002.

I hope you find the newsletter interesting and we welcome your comments and suggestions.



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The Trust Alcohol & Drug Service (TADS)

The Trust Alcohol and Drug Service (TADS) is the new community based team run by Norfolk & Waveney Mental Health Partnership Trust (NWMHPT). They provide services to Norwich City, South Norfolk, North Norfolk, Broadland and Breckland excluding Thetford.

Since April 2004 NWMHPT has become a fully integrated service involving not only the Trust alcohol and drug services but also integration with Social Services. This has provided the Trust with an opportunity to have better partnership working and more cohesive systems for service users.

From 1 June 2005 TADS will be providing clinical services at Great Yarmouth in partnership with the PCT and NORCAS. This is an exciting opportunity to build on the existing good services that are already in Great Yarmouth and provide a more integrated approach to care for service users. The service is for users of any substances including alcohol, opiates, over the counter substances, prescribed substances, stimulants etc. It is an open access service and clients can refer in person, by letter or 'phone during duty hours.

TADS is staffed largely by qualified nurses with

mental health and substance misuse experience. The team includes consultant psychiatrists, other medical staff, a psychotherapist, support workers, social workers and community care assistants.

Central to the Trust's philosophy is the commitment to treat each client as an individual and as a whole person and not just as a drug and alcohol problem. The Trust and TADS are also fully committed to service user involvement and have strong links with the Methadone Alliance and other national user organisations as well as a flourishing service user group known as the 'BUG' group, which meets on a weekly basis.

If you would like more information about TADS please contact Roz Brooks, The Alcohol and Drug Service Manager at The Bure Centre, 7 Unthank Road, Norwich Tel: 01603 671900.



Crime and Disorder Substance Misuse Audit 2005/08

Norfolk's seven Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnerships (CDRP's) are aligned to district council boundaries. Their role is to work with the DAAT and other local partnerships to develop and implement strategies to tackle crime and disorder and misuse of drugs in their area. Central to this process is a crime and disorder and substance misuse audit that is completed on a three-year cycle. The current audit is near to completion and has identified the levels and patterns of crime, disorder and substance misuse in Norfolk.

Emerging priorities regarding substance misuse to be addressed are:

- Alcohol misuse (within the constraints of DAAT funding)
- Housing and tenancy support for substance misusers
- Sex work industry
- Expansion of needle exchange
- Safer clubbing and the night-time economy
- Drug and drink driving
- Drugs in workplace
- Drugs Interventions Programme
- Availability of illegal drugs
- Young People
- Treatment
- Diversity.

Emerging priorities regarding crime and disorder to be addressed are:

- Violence against the person
- Domestic violence
- Anti-social behaviour and criminal damage
- Vehicle crime
- Burglary
- Public confidence.

Additionally, a number of cross cutting issues have been identified in the crime and disorder element of the audit:

- Prolific and Other Priority Offenders Strategy
- Drugs and alcohol
- Victims and witnesses
- Diversity
- Business crime
- Young people
- Partnership working.

These will inform the strategies developed and implemented by the CDRPs, district councils and Norfolk DAAT in 2005/08. Continued partnership working and the identification of common goals and agendas across the spectrum of criminal justice and health and social care will be key elements in this process.

For more information contact Daniel Harry, CDRP Liaison Officer, Norfolk DAAT.

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2nd DAAT YP Conference



On the 31st January, 120 people attended the 2nd DAAT Young People's Conference: - Understanding The Issues, Young People and Substance Misuse.

Covering a range of topics including solvent abuse, alcohol misuse and parental substance misuse, the day provided an insight for professionals into some of the many issues and areas relating to young people and substance misuse. Each of the main topic areas were discussed further in related workshops throughout the day and the conference provided opportunities for networking and the development of partnership links.

It's official!

Norfolk DAAT's website, www.nordat.org.uk, was officially launched on 11th January at The Top of the Terrace, Norwich City Football Club.

The event was well attended and an opportunity for DAAT partners to have a look at the website and try out some of the features for themselves. Speakers on the day included Warren Bushaway who spoke about web designers Simplyworks, a community based project in Surrey which provides training and work opportunities to marginalised people. Mike Hutchinson, Training and Workforce Development Officer for the DAAT, spoke about the Drug And Alcohol National Occupational Standards (DANOS) software available through the website. For more information and to apply for access to the DAAT member agency pages, please visit the site at www.nordat.org.uk

Think Safe Drink Safe Evaluation

Evaluation of this pre-Christmas initiative showed that the "Think Safe - Drink Safe" card was effective in delivering a community safety awareness campaign at low cost. Importantly, the brand "Think Safe - Drink Safe" is recognised by the public at large and can be used in future campaigns by a wide variety of agencies and co-ordinated across partnerships to tackle alcohol related harms.

Parent/Carer Research and Development Project

Does your organisation provide support to parents, children, other family members or other carers of substance misusers?

Norfolk DAAT has commissioned a new research and development project from Research Plus+ in partnership with Crossroads - Caring for Carers. The project will map the support available to people who are caring for people with a drug or alcohol problem in Norfolk and identify areas where there is a need to improve services and support. Research Plus+ are contacting organisations across the UK which provide support to parents, children, other family members or other unpaid carers of people with a drug or alcohol problem (including prescription drugs). Please send information about any work that you are doing in Norfolk with carers of substance misusers, or any relevant reports produced by your organisation to Research Plus+, PO Box 3030, Norwich, NR3 4ZR or email them at: researchplus.project@ntlworld.com, or telephone 01603 408289.

Pushing forward the diversity agenda

• BME Needs Assessment Report •

The final version of the Black and Minority Ethnic (BME) Needs Assessment Report by The Guild has arrived. The report focused on our largest minority groups including Portuguese, gypsies and travellers. The executive summary has been circulated to the whole DAAT and will soon be available on our website www.nordat.org.uk. If you would like to receive a copy of the executive summary and recommendations, or the full report, please contact lynn.preston.dat@norfolk.gov.uk

• Portuguese Section on DAAT website •

As the BME Needs Assessment Report identified Portuguese people as our largest ethnic community we are building a Portuguese section for the Nordat website@ www.nordat.org.uk. We are currently having a range of leaflets and information translated which will include drug profiles, harm reduction information, needle exchange services, overdose prevention and blood borne virus information. We could also use this page to link to Frank resources and local service information,

• Diversity Project Worker •

We will soon acquire the services of Deborah Carr our new Diversity Project Worker, in partnership with Suffolk DAT. This will be a half-time post for the year April 05 to March 06. Deborah will implement the action plan taken from the BME needs assessment and also push forward with other areas of diversity across the county.