

Progress Report – Healthy Gloucestershire

Priority card: Reduce alcohol related harm

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1. Progress to date: Key Objectives agreed and delivery plan completed Delivery group established with clear terms of reference, and accountability	1) New 3 year County Alcohol Strategy with key objectives, action plan and milestones will be ready for sign off in the autumn. 2) Gloucestershire Alcohol Strategy Action Group currently delivery group. It will soon form part of a sub group of GSSCP with new terms of reference covering drugs and alcohol.	This represents the second 3 year strategy jointly signed off by H & CWB Partnership and GSSCP.
2. SMART targets set	Targets still being developed in line with new Strategy. 3 priorities agreed by partners are: 1. Targeted and linked treatment interventions to where the biggest need is identified e.g. focusing on areas of deprivation and social exclusion. 2. The continued recognition by schools that they should aim to meet the minimum Healthy Schools criteria. 3. The provision of support for front line staff working in a variety of settings	

<p>3. Detail the level of engagement and any groups that link with the priority area</p>	<p>All partners signed up to work including members from C & YP Partnership & GSSCP.</p>	
<p>4. What will be achieved by 31st March 2010?</p>	<p>Strategically the new Strategy will be signed off with its associated Delivery Plan. Since the launch of the card there has been further investment in providing alcohol treatment interventions especially in primary care. This will be rolled out to give county coverage by March 2010.</p>	
<p>5. What are the issues that the Board needs to consider? Issues you may consider are: Advocacy Promoting best practice Resource issues Unblock difficult issues</p>	<p>Particular issues for the Board are a) Need for ownership by partners other than NHS Gloucestershire. b) There is a need for resources to administer the new sub group structure.</p>	<p>a) The particular challenge faced (along with the rest of the country) is meeting the main national target to reduce alcohol related hospital admissions. This is an ambitious target. b) Government policy on pricing is not changing. c) Health Select Committee is considering alcohol misuse currently. d) This agenda is increasingly becoming embedded in the <i>work</i> of most partners.</p>

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