

Dyfed- Powys Drug Intervention Programme

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Welcome to the first Newsletter of the Dyfed-Powys Drug Intervention Programme. The purpose of this Newsletter is to keep you up to date with what has been happening within the Dyfed Powys DIP region.

Dyfed-Powys Drug Intervention Programme is an organisation based in the counties of Carmarthenshire, Ceredigion, Pembrokeshire and Powys providing advice and support to drug misusers, their families and friends.

What is the Drug Intervention Programme?

The Drug Interventions Programme (which was formerly known as CJIP or the Criminal Justice Interventions Programme), is a large-scale programme, established in April 2003, in England, as a critical part of the Government's Updated Drug Strategy (2002). Its principal focus is to reduce drug related crime by engaging with drug users and, using a case management approach, moving them into appropriate treatment, retaining them in treatment and supporting them through and after treatment, whether in a custodial or community setting.

It aims to break the cycle of drug misuse, offending behaviour and custody by intervening at every stage of the Criminal Justice System (CJS) to engage offenders in drug treatment.

In order to do so, it has built on the best existing interventions to create an integrated approach which enables appropriate and continuing engagement with an individual at arrest, on charge, in court, during and on completion of community and custodial sentences or statutory supervision in the community and on leaving treatment.

In 2004, the Home Office announced that Wales was to be included in the Throughcare and Aftercare Programme that was then being piloted in England.

As a result, the Welsh assembly government received funding to plan and implement this. To this end the Drug Intervention Programme was born and commencing in March 2006 across Wales. There are four DIP regions in Wales: South Wales, Gwent, Dyfed Powys and North Wales.

How does the Drug Intervention Programme work?

Drug misusers within the criminal justice system will have the opportunity to join the Drug Intervention Programme. Contact with the Programme will be made through the Courts, Police Stations, the Prisons, a 24 hour Helpline, the Internet or through self referral. They will have contact with Drug Workers who will conduct an assessment. Based on this, clients in the DIP programme will have a Care Plan developed that co ordinates the services available and match them to their needs



Before
and
after
shots.
Adopt A
Bed,
Llanelli
2004.



This might include counselling and advice in relation to drug misuse as well as advice on other matters such as housing, debt advice and family support.

So who will be delivering the Drug Intervention Programme in the Dyfed Powys region?

There are three providers in the Dyfed Powys region: Cyswllt Ceredigion Contact, Prism and Powys Drug And Alcohol Centres.

Cyswllt Ceredigion Contact

Cyswllt was established in 1992 with the aim of engendering hope and promoting recovery for people who misuse drugs, alcohol or food.

Cyswllt have been appointed as the DIP providers for Ceredigion. Ceredigion covers the area from Borth and Aberystwyth in the north to Cardigan in the south and inland to Newcastle Emlyn, Llandysul, Lampeter, Tregaron and Devil's bridge.

Initial contact for Cyswllt will be via the Arrest Referral Worker whom acts as an Initial Point of Contact for the Police, Courts, and Probation services in Ceredigion. The Arrest Referral Worker will also be working closely with the Prison Link Worker within DIP to meet and offer DIP services to clients on release from prison.

Services provided by Cyswllt include initial assessment, counselling, day treatment service for people with drug or alcohol, or eating disorders, and for anybody affected by someone else's using.

Prism

Prism is our service provider in the counties of Carmarthenshire and Pembrokeshire. Prism, and its predecessor organisations, has been delivering substance misuse services since the early 1980's.

As well as providing contact and assessment services to clients entering the DIP, Prism will provide the regions Prison Link Development Worker. Prism provides suitable treatment with the aim

of reducing the harm posed to both the individual and the community. Services provided are holistic in nature accessing a wide range of wraparound services to maximise the likelihood of a successful intervention.

Prism has two DIP offices. In Carmarthenshire there is an office in Carmarthen, whilst Pembrokeshire is served by an office in Haverfordwest.

Powys Drug And Alcohol Centres

PDAC was established in 1986 and since this time has worked with substance misusers across the county to help them address their habits and reduce the wider harm to individuals and the community. PDAC covers the counties of Breconshire, Radnorshire and Montgomeryshire.

PDAC delivers an holistic harm minimisation service with delivery from main offices located in Newtown, Llandrindod Wells and Brecon, with a further 8 satellite projects.

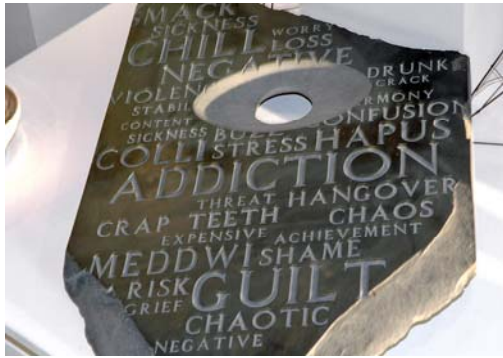
PDAC offers a range of services including counselling, advocacy, support to the client and family, substitute prescribing and pathways into community and residential detox. Contact for clients to the DIP programme will be through Criminal Justice Workers in Police Stations, Courts, Prison Link Worker liaison, self referral and 24 hour Helpline.



Dyfed-Powys Drug Interventions Programme Staff at a recent Training Day in Carmarthen.

The Launch Of Dyfed Powys DIP

The Dyfed Powys Drug Intervention Programme is due to be launched on the morning of Monday 3rd April 2006 at the National Botanic Gardens, Llanarthne, Carmarthen. The event is to be attended by Edwina Hart AM MBE, Minister For Social Justice And Regeneration at the Welsh Assembly, who will formerly launch the Programme. This event will see representatives of the Drug Intervention Programme, partner providers and agencies from across the Dyfed Powys.



DTTO Art Exhibition, Aberystwyth Arts Centre 2005

The Butler Trust Award

Dyfed- Powys Probation Area Drug Treatment and Rehabilitation Scheme has been successful in gaining the Lord Woolf Award 2006 for Excellence. This award is given by the Butler Trust which is an organisation set up with the aim of recognising excellence and innovation in the care of offenders.

Staff in the Area will be going to Buckingham Palace in March to receive the Award from HRH The Princess Royal.

The Award was given in recognition of the fact that the Scheme offers a high quality of service to offenders, the Courts and the Community and has a very high completion rate (the highest in England and Wales in 2004-05) which has resulted in a significant reduction in re-offending.

The Scheme has been particularly effective in offering an alternative to long term drug users who have had a record of prison sentences and failure on community based orders.

The Scheme is run by Dyfed- Powys Probation Area staff working in close partnership with treatment workers from West Wales Substance Misuse Services and Powys Drug And Alcohol Centres. It is also supported by the work of the Prince's Trust, Llain Activity Centre, The Duke Of Edinburgh's Award Scheme and Arts Care Gofal Celf together with a number of individual tutors from a wide range of disciplines.

In addition Groups from the Scheme have held a successful exhibition of art work at Aberystwyth Arts Centre, won a gold medal at the Royal Welsh Show for 'The Really Useful Garden' and had a member of the Group play for Wales in the World Street Soccer Championship. The Llanelli group have worked closely with Community First and created a mural as part of a garden scheme. Photos of the Adopt A Bed scheme in Llanelli are located on the front cover.

Training

Training for all DIP staff is due to commence in February with the appointment of new staff completed. This will be part of a rolling programme of training that will progress through to the Summer.

Other News

The central office for DIP has moved to St. David's Park, Carmarthen and is occupying offices in the former hospital. Contact details are provided on the back of this Newsletter.

The DIP is in the process of arranging both a web site and email contact details. Watch this space!

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