

# Dyfed- Powys Drug Intervention Programme

## Newsletter 2 - May 2006

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Welcome to the May edition of Dyfed Powys Newsletter. 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.

### Dyfed Powys Drug Intervention Launch

On Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2006 the Dyfed Powys Drug Intervention was launched by Edwina Hart, Minister for Social Justice and Regeneration, at the National Botanic Gardens of Wales.

Speakers at the launch included Terence Grange, Chief Constable of Dyfed Powys Police, Phil Taylor, Governor of HMP Swansea, Caroline Morgan, Chief Officer of the Dyfed Powys Probation Area and Kevin Fisher, Manager of the Dyfed Powys Drug Interventions Programme.

Further presentations were given from each of the provider agencies: Jeremy Newman for Cyswllt Ceredigion Contact, Rob Hughes for Powys Drug And alcohol Centres and Tim Charlton for Prism.

The Programme went 'live' on the 4<sup>th</sup> March in the Dyfed Powys region along side those of North Wales, Gwent and South Wales.

### Ceredigion DIP Launch

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2006 saw the Drug Interventions Programme being launched at the Letty Park Hotel, Aberystwyth. Speakers included Maureen Fyffe, Jeremy Newman and Wynford Jones of Cyswllt Ceredigion Contact, Kevin Fisher Manager of the Dyfed Powys Drug Interventions Programme and Craig Latimer-Brown, Prison Link Development Worker. Cyswllt Ceredigion Contact is the local provider of the Drug Interventions Programme in Ceredigion.

On Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2006 a further launch event was held at Theatr Mwldan, Cardigan. Cardigan is the southern locality for the DIP in Ceredigion.



Maureen Fyffe, Director, Cyswllt Ceredigion Contact, speaking at the DIP launch in Aberystwyth.



## Powys DIP Launch

The Drug Interventions Programme was launched in Brecon on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2006. Powys Drug and Alcohol Centres (PDAC) provide the DIP in Powys with services provided in their southern region from Brecon.

Speakers included Rob Hughes, Chief Executive of PDAC and Kevin Fisher, Manager of the Drug Interventions Programme. The launch was held at the Castle Hotel, Brecon.



Kevin Fisher and Rob Hughes at the PDAC launch in Brecon.

## The Butler Trust Award

Members of the Dyfed Powys Probation Area attended Buckingham Palace to receive the Lord Woolf Award from Princess Anne. This award, from the Butler Trust, recognises excellence in the rehabilitation of offenders.

Pictured below, left to right are: Hugh Williams, Divisional Manager Ceredigion, Dyfed-Powys Probation Area, Geoff Davies, Human Resources Manager, Dyfed-Powys Probation Area, Caroline Morgan, Chief Officer, Kevin Fisher, DIP Manager, Dyfed-Powys Probation Area and Mimi Byrne, Locality Manager, West Wales Substance Misuse Services.



## More Awards...

They just keep coming ... at the time of going to press, we have learned that Cyswllt Ceredigion Contact has just been awarded the National Drug Team Of The Year Award 2006. The announcement was made by Drugs Minister Vernon Coaker at a ceremony in Westminster. Congratulations to all at Cyswllt Ceredigion Contact!



Pictured above from L-R are: Sue Lee, Ivan Courtier, Maureen Fyffe, Adam Weston and Annie Durrant of Cyswllt Ceredigion Contact.

## The Frank Cassidy Suite

On Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2006 the new facilities at Cyswllt Ceredigion Contact were dedicated to former member of staff Frank Cassidy, who passed away last November. The new facilities were opened by Mayor Aled Davies. The Suite includes an office and treatment room as well as a toilet with disabled access.

Maureen Fyffe, the director of Contact Ceredigion said "Cass was a professional counsellor and a grounded individual. His colleagues learnt from him and his clients respected him. He is sorely missed." The new facility will be named the Frank Cassidy Suite in honour of Mr Cassidy, who spent four years working for Contact Ceredigion after joining them from the Rhosercan Unit.