

Dyfed- Powys Drug Intervention Programme

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Welcome to the October 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.

24/7 DAN Wales Wide Drug And Alcohol Helpline Launch.

On Wednesday 27th September the Wales Wide Drug And Alcohol Helpline was launched at the Senydd, Cardiff by Mrs. Edwina Hart AM, Minister for Social Justice and Regeneration.

Speakers included Mrs. Edwina Hart, Mrs. Caroline Morgan, Chief Officer, Dyfed Powys Probation Area and Mr. Aneurin Owen Director of CAIS, the agency providing this service.

The Helpline, entitled DAN 24/7, is a free and bilingual telephone helpline providing a single point of contact for anyone in Wales wanting further information and or help relating to alcohol or drugs. The service is available 24 hours a day, 365 days of the year. "DAN 24/7" stands for both "Day And Night" and "Dydd A Nos".

The service provides advice and information to people concerned about their own or another's drug or alcohol use, assessments, and interventions.

The freephone telephone number is:
0800 6 33 55 88



Mrs. Edwina Hart, Minister For Social Justice And Regeneration (R) and Mrs. Caroline Morgan (L), Chief Officer Dyfed Powys Probation Area at the launch of the 24/7 Helpline.

Art Exhibition- Dyfed Powys Probation Area.

Also on Wednesday 27th September Mrs. Edwina Hart opened an Art Exhibition at the Senydd, Cardiff. The Art Exhibition displayed the work of offenders that was undertaken during Drug Treatment and Testing Orders (DTTO) / Drug Rehabilitation Requirements (DRR) in the Dyfed Powys Probation Area.

The Exhibition ran from Wednesday 27th September to Saturday 30th September within the Senydd building and was supported by staff from Arts Care Gofal Celf and also staff from the Dyfed Powys DIP Team.



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The DTTO/DRR Art Exhibition in the Senydd, Cardiff.

Interventions Conference

On Thursday 29th June an Interventions Conference was held at Trinity College, Carmarthen. This day was hosted by Dyfed Powys Probation Area and led by Jeremy Corbett, Assistant Chief Officer (Interventions). The conference commenced with a series of presentations from Probation covering a series of topics including Drug Rehabilitation Requirements, Accredited Programmes, Accommodation, Training, Employment, Education and Community Payback.

During the afternoon workshops covering these areas together with other programmes such as Alcohol Treatment, Domestic Abuse, Drink Impaired Drivers Programme and the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme allowed conference attendees to get the most out of the day.

During one presentation by Kevin Fisher (DIP Manager), three previous service users provided valuable insights into the DRR scheme from a service user's perspective.

Pictured below are Kevin Fisher, DIP Manager, Denise Ralph, Caroline Morgan, Chief Officer Dyfed Powys Probation Area, Megan Jenkins, Dai Rees and Jeremy Corbett, Assistant Chief Officer, Dyfed Powys Probation Area.



Other News

Pembrokeshire DIP Team moved offices recently from their temporary base in Milford Haven to their newly refurbished offices in Haverfordwest. The new office is walking distance to Haverfordwest Police Station.

Carmarthenshire DIP Launch: The final launch of the DIP Teams in Dyfed Powys took place on Thursday 27th July at the Gwenllian Hotel, Kidwelly. The day was well attended and links developed with other local agencies.

Below: Angharad Jones, Team Leader, giving a presentation during the launch day.



Targets

During the month of August, the Dyfed Powys Drug Interventions Programme succeeded in meeting its monthly Key Performance Indicator (KPI) targets, as set by the Home Office. Dyfed Powys DIP has 3 KPIs:

- to assess 60% of those with whom we are making contact. In August we achieved 84%.

- of those assessed as needing further intervention, take 85% onto the caseload. In August we achieved 95%.

- and finally of those taken onto the caseload, have 95% engage in further treatment. In August we achieved 100%.

Well done to all staff! Thank you for your hard work, and keep it up!

Service User Section

This section provides an opportunity for service users to express their views. Simon has been in treatment with Powys Drug And Alcohol Centres, the provider for the Drug Interventions Programme in Powys. In "Simon"'s own words:

"Getting involved with some of the activities on offer at the PDAC such as the Funky Junk workshop which involved building a curvy chrome Cadillac-style field kitchen from scrap car parts, old sinks and any other useful bits of scrap, was both challenging and good fun. It has resulted in me being offered paid work along similar lines by the workshop leader who's involved in other community projects of an arty/sculptural nature. Previously I had n't been working for some six years due to my time being spent trying to sort out my next score which was all my life seemed to revolve around.

Since meeting new people outside the drug scene I ve started to be offered a lot more work, I feel that I'm contributing in a meaningful way to society and I'm a lot happier. I feel that I ve accomplished something and it s given me the enthusiasm to get out and do more and meet more people."



Above: Pembrokeshire Blue Garden at the Art Exhibition, the Senydd, Cardiff.

DAN 24/7 Helpline

All Wales Drug And Alcohol Helpline
Llinell Cymorth Cymru Ar Cyffuriau Ac Alcohol
0800 6 33 55 88



Above: "Mr Angry" and "Chaos", two sculptures at the Art Exhibition, the Senydd, Cardiff.

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