

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.

IT Update

Throughout Wales the new electronic case management system has been rolled out or implemented and has been operational for 5 full months.

Each staff member has had a standard level of training on inputting data which gives them control over their own respective case loads. Clients can now be taken onto and taken off the caseload and notes and information added to their record.

Further and continuous development of the system is taking place. These developments include: the use of standard appointment letter templates, a role out of a limited viewing ability to CARAT Teams in Welsh and selected English prisons, appointment functionality, reporting services and a prescribing function.

In particular the availability of Palbase, in a limited viewing role, to prisons, will greatly aid the smooth release of people coming out of prisons in the community and accessing DIP services.

ORS/SRS Training

The Dyfed Powys DIP has provided training for all staff in the Outcome Rating Scale/Session Rating Scale (ORS/SRS).

This set of tools has been shown to improve the therapeutic alliance between client and counsellor, reduce drop out rates and achieve clinically significant gains.

The tools are simple, quick and easy to use and assist the counsellor in determining where a client is at, at the start of a session; and how effective the session was, at the conclusion of the session.

The scoring system used provides a clear indication of progress and effectiveness of treatment over a period of time.

Training commenced in October and will conclude with a follow up session in November. Further information on the ORS/SRS tools can be found at: <http://talkingcure.com/>



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Future Developments

To provide the most effective service within the community it is important to assess and respond to identified needs when ever they become identified. To this aim future developments within the DIP include:

Alcohol Conditional Caution.
Provision for an Alcohol Conditional Caution Scheme in the Llanelli Carmarthen area whereby an Arrest Referral Worker will sign post suitable people in custody into alcohol treatment services in the locality.

Provision and development of a liason post between DIP, Probation and Police to identify those people most in need of drug treatment services in the locality of Carmarthenshire, by way of their prolific offending behaviour.

Targets

During the months of July through to September 2007 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.

- of those assessed as needing further intervention, take 85% onto the caseload.

- of those taken onto the caseload, have 95% engage in further treatment.

We are consistently achieving and exceeding the targets set for us in each of these categories..

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

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