

**Minutes of the Scottish Association of Alcohol and Drug Action Teams
Held on Wednesday 10th September 2008
Thistle Hotel, Edinburgh**

<p>PRESENT</p> <p>Dr Maggie Watts, SAADAT Chairperson, Chairperson, Ayrshire & Arran ADAT Colin Anderson, Chairperson, Midlothian DAT Catriona Renfrew, Chairperson, Greater Glasgow and Clyde AAT Colin Sloey, Chairperson, Lanarkshire ADAT Donald MacLeod, Chairperson, Western Isles ADSAT</p> <p>Alexander Kelman, Team Leader, Aberdeen City JADAT Christina Bichan, Coordinator, Orkney DASAT Elaine Brown, Substance Development Officer, Forth Valley SAT Elaine Lawlor, Coordinator, Forth Valley SAT Hilary Smith, Policy Officer, West Lothian DAT Jim Parker, Lead Officer, Dumfries & Galloway ADAT Julie Murray, Coordinator, Borders DAAT John Campbell, DADO, Moray DAAT John Thayres, Coordinator, Midlothian DAAT Liam McLaughlin, DADO, Perth & Kinross DAAT Rita Keyte, Coordinator, Fife DAAT Ruth Shepherd, Coordinator, Ayrshire & Arran ADAT Stevie Lydon, Coordinator, Greater Glasgow & Clyde AAT and DAT Suzy Calder, Coordinator, Highland DAAT Valerie Tallon, Coordinator, Lanarkshire ADAT Wendy Ingledew, ADO, Western Isles ADSAT</p>	<p>Alison Douglas, Alcohol Misuse Team, Scottish Government David Liddell, Scottish Drugs Forum George Howie, NHS Health Scotland Jack Law, Alcohol Focus Scotland Joe Griffin, Drugs Policy Unit, Scottish Government Lesley Graham, ISD (representing Lorna Jackson) Peter Rice, SHAAP Ruth Parker, Scottish Prison Services (representing Eric Murch) Vicki Webster, Drugs Policy Unit, Scottish Government</p> <p>Theresa Martinus, National Substance Use Liaison Officer (Alcohol) Leon Wylie, National Substance Use Liaison Support Officer Kathleen Donnelly, SAADAT Office Manager</p>
<p>APOLOGIES</p> <p>Andrew Riley, Chairperson, Borders DAAT Bill Nicoll, Vice Chairperson, Perth & Kinross DAAT Brian Kidd, Chairperson, Dundee City DAAT Colin McKenzie, Chairperson, Aberdeenshire ADAT David Alston, Chairperson, Highland DAAT David Burke, Chairperson, Perth & Kinross DAAT Fiona MacKenzie, Chairperson, Forth Valley SAT Hazel Sutherland, Chairperson, Shetland ADAT</p> <p>Iain Turnbull, Development Manager, Angus DAAT Ian Smillie, Co-ordinator, Perth & Kinross DAAT Katie Grant, Substance Misuse Development Officer, Orkney DASAT Lisa Tumblety, Policy Officer, West Lothian DAT Vivienne Hutchison, Health Promotion Officer, Ayrshire & Arran ADAT</p>	<p>Eric Murch, Scottish Prison Service Joy Barlow, STRADA Karen McGuigan, Drugs Policy Unit, Scottish Government Lorna Jackson, ISD Patrick Shearer, Chairperson, Dumfries & Galloway ADAT Robert Peat, Chairperson, Angus DAAT Stephen Moore, Chairperson, Fife DAAT</p>

1. Welcome

Dr Maggie Watts welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were made.

Apologies

Apologies were as listed above.

2. Minutes of Last Meeting

The minute of the meeting held on 14th May 2008 was accepted as a fair and accurate record.

2.1 Matters Arising:

SMACAP

Dr Maggie Watts reported that SMACAP had met on 8th September to discuss the alcohol consultation and the key challenges. She highlighted that Ministers are keen to meet again in December, in line with the consultation results with each member bringing along 3 key areas for discussion.

SACDM

Joe Griffin stated that SACDM is currently engaged in the process of refreshing its role and function including group membership.

National Groups – SAADAT Representation

Dr Maggie Watts informed association members that there are a number of national groups at which SAADAT has been invited to have representation. As the association only has a chairperson, with no volunteers to hold the posts of vice chairperson, Dr Watts has asked the local Action Team Chairpersons to volunteer to represent SAADAT on the following national groups:

- National Liaison Officers Advisory Group
- Alcohol and Drug Expenditure National Audit Project Advisory Group
- HEAT Target Delivery Group (Brief Interventions)

Dr Watts also highlighted that she had been invited to meet with Ministers shortly and would be pleased to have support from other chairpersons.

3) Presentations:

3.1

Alison Douglas, from the Substance Misuse Team at the Scottish Government gave a presentation on the 'Changing Scotland's relationship with alcohol' discussion paper on strategic approach. This was followed by a discussion. (Copy of presentation attached)

Alison thanked everyone for their responses to the consultation, highlighting that the closing date was the 9th September. She advised that the SG will be informed by the comments generated by the discussion paper, and that the next stage is to work to develop more specific actions.

3.2

Joe Griffin, Head of Drugs Policy Unit at the Scottish Government presented on 'Delivery reform and recovery'. (Copy of presentation attached).

This was followed by a discussion. Joe informed the meeting that The Delivery Reform Group now wants to consult more widely on its emerging proposals and is hosting a conference on Tuesday 23rd September. He advised that the Scottish Government is hoping to get a wide range of representatives from across the fields of alcohol and drugs present at the conference so that they can help shape the Delivery Reform Group's proposals. He stressed the importance of this consultation. Fergus Ewing, Minister for Community Safety will also be speaking at the event.

Members expressed some reservations about the very mixed nature and appropriateness of invitees, some of whom are not currently engaged with alcohol and drug issues. Joe indicated that

the proposals of the Delivery Reform Group have helped to shape the invitation list to encompass community planning in a wide sense.

4) Communications

4.1: National Alcohol & Drugs Communications Group

Theresa reported that this group has not met since the last association meeting, therefore nothing at present to report. Theresa will keep members updated on progress.

4.2: Alcohol Awareness Week

A paper prepared by Theresa Martinus updating members on progress was distributed with the agenda prior to the meeting. Due to a change in the Minister's diary, the launch of AAW will not be taking place in Aberdeen as originally intended. Theresa advised that she will keep members informed on this.

4.3: SAADAT Communications Sub Group

A paper prepared by Theresa Martinus updating members on progress of the communications sub-group and the SAADAT information sub-group was distributed with the agenda prior to the meeting. This paper was noted.

4.4: Support officers Meeting – 14th October 2008

Leon Wylie reported that the next support officers' development day will be taking place on the 14th October, at the Travel Inn in Edinburgh. Both Alison Douglas and Joe Griffin, Scottish Government, have agreed to attend and present on Delivery Reform. Lesley Graham, ISD, will also give a presentation focusing on alcohol problems and offenders. Leon will keep members informed of details, and a draft programme will be sent out in due course.

4.5: SAADAT Knowledge Sharing Event / Conference 2008

Theresa Martinus informed members that SAADAT will be holding a conference on the 14th November 2008 at the Radisson Hotel in Glasgow. Theresa explained that the conference planning group had met in August, and had agreed that the focus of the conference should be 'outcomes'.

The keynote speaker will be Mark Bitel who has been working with the Scottish Government on using logic modelling as a tool to develop outcomes. Dr David Best, senior lecturer in addictions in the department of psychiatry at Birmingham University, will also be presenting on the 'recovery journey'.

Professor Colin Drummond and Andy Rome, Figure 8 Consultancy, have agreed to present the preliminary findings from "Problematic Drinking in Scotland; estimating the size of the problem and charting service capacity". More details on the event to follow in due course.

5) Planning

5.1: Problematic Drinking in Scotland; estimating the size of the problem and charting service capacity

A paper prepared by Theresa Martinus to inform members of progress was distributed prior to meeting with the agenda. Dr Maggie Watts thanked all the Action Team support staff and the service agencies for their support of this piece of work.

5.2: Delivery Reform Group

This agenda item was covered under agenda item 3.2

5.3: Audit Scotland Study

Dr Maggie Watts indicated that a copy of the presentation on the study of alcohol and drug expenditure, delivered by Amanda Taylor, Audit Scotland, in the morning session will be circulated along with the meeting minutes.

6) Services

6.1: National HEAT Target Brief Interventions Support Group

Dr Maggie Watts reported that this group will meet in October, and asked for SAADAT representation via one of the Association chairpersons. Dr Watts will circulate the date of meeting asap.

Post meeting note: Mr Donald Macleod, Chairperson, Western Isles ADSAT, has agreed to represent SAADAT on this group

6.2: SMR 25 Group

A paper prepared by Leon Wylie updating association members on progress was distributed prior to the meeting along with the agenda. This paper was noted.

6.3: Hepatitis C

A paper prepared by Leon Wylie to update members of current actions by National Officers in the implementation of Hepatitis C action plan was distributed prior to the meeting along with the agenda. This paper was noted.

6.4: DATA Sharing Group / Drug Related Deaths

A paper prepared by Leon Wylie to inform membership of current pilots and future processes that will affect local ADATs was distributed prior to the meeting along with the agenda. This paper was noted.

7) Workforce Planning Group

Leon Wylie reported that the group last met in June 2008, where they looked at two new possible strategies. A subsequent meeting to agree the report was postponed until November.

8) Papers for Noting

The following papers were circulated in advance of the meeting for noting:

1. National Alcohol Awareness Week
2. SAADAT Communications sub-group

3. Problematic Drinking in Scotland – estimating the size of the problem and charting service capacity.
4. SAADAT SMR25 working group
5. Hepatitis C
6. SAADAT Drugs Related Deaths / Data sharing group
7. Expanding the Scottish Evidence Base for Social Norms

9) AOCB

There was no further business discussed and the meeting was brought to a close.

10) Date of next meeting:

The next Association meeting will take place on 21st January 2009 – location and venue to be confirmed.