

**Minutes of the Scottish Association of Alcohol and Drug Action Teams  
Held on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2008  
Thistle Hotel, Edinburgh**

**PRESENT**

Mr Tom Wood, SAADAT Chairperson, Chairperson, Edinburgh City ADAT  
Maggie Watts, SAADAT Vice Chairperson (Alcohol), Chairperson, Ayrshire and Arran ADAT  
Brian Kidd, SAADAT Vice Chairperson (Drugs), Chairperson, Dundee City ADAT  
Colin Anderson, Chairperson, Midlothian DAT  
Donald MacLeod, Chairperson, Western Isles ADSAT

Alexander Kelman, Team Leader, Aberdeen City JADAT  
Christina Bichan, Coordinator, Orkney DASAT  
Elaine Lawlor, Coordinator, Forth Valley SAT  
Elaine Youngman, DADO, Aberdeenshire ADAT  
Hilary Smith, Research & Development Officer, West Lothian DAT  
Iain Turnbull, Development Manager, Angus DAAT  
Julie Murray, Coordinator, Borders DAAT  
Liam McLaughlin, DADO, Perth & Kinross DAAT  
Ruth Shepherd, Coordinator, Ayrshire & Arran ADAT  
Sharon Simpson, Communications Officer, Action on Alcohol & Drugs in Edinburgh  
Stevie Lydon, Coordinator, Greater Glasgow & Clyde AAT and DAT

David Liddell, Scottish Drugs Forum  
Fiona Campbell, Alcohol Misuse Team, Scottish Government  
George Howie, NHS Health Scotland  
Lorna Jackson, ISD  
Peter Rice, Tayside Alcohol Problems Service, Representing SHAAP  
Ruth Parker – Scottish Prison Services (Representing Eric Murch)

Mike McCarron, National Substance Use Liaison Officer (Drugs)  
Theresa Martinus, National Substance Use Liaison Officer (Alcohol)  
Leon Wylie, National Substance Use Liaison Support Officer  
Kathleen Donnelly, SAADAT Office Manager

**APOLOGIES**

Andrew Riley, Chairperson, Borders DAAT  
Catriona Renfrew, Chairperson, Greater Glasgow and Clyde AAT  
David Alston, Chairperson, Highland DAAT  
David Burke, Chairperson, Perth & Kinross DAAT  
Fiona MacKenzie, Chairperson, Forth Valley SAT  
Gaynor Jones, Chairperson, Orkney DASAT  
Hazel Sutherland, Chairperson Shetland ADAT  
Robert Peat, Chairperson, Angus DAAT  
Stephen Moore, Chairperson, Fife DAAT

Douglas Paterson, Aberdeen City JADAT  
Iain Smillie, Co-ordinator, Perth & Kinross DAAT  
Jim Parker, Lead Officer, Dumfries & Galloway ADAT  
Joni McArthur, ADO, West Lothian DAT  
Karen Smith, DADO, Shetland ADAT  
Liz Coates, Coordinator, Midlothian DAAT  
Mark Holroyd, DADO, East Lothian DAT  
Margaret Birrell, Shetland, ADAT  
Rita Keyte, Coordinator, Fife DAAT  
Suzy Calder, Coordinator, Highland DAAT  
Valerie Tallon, Coordinator, Lanarkshire ADAT  
Wendy Ingledew, ADO, Western Isles ADSAT

Eric Murch, Scottish Prison Service  
Jack Law, Alcohol Focus Scotland  
Joy Barlow, STRADA

## **1. Welcome**

Tom Wood welcomed everyone to the meeting. New members of the Association were also welcomed and invited to introduce themselves.

## **Apologies**

Apologies were as listed above.

## **2. Minutes of Last Meeting**

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> January 2008 were accepted as a fair and accurate record.

### **2.1 Matters Arising:**

#### **SMACAP**

Dr Maggie Watts reported that the focus of the last meeting had been on the National Alcohol Debate work and topic areas to be addressed. She informed members that this debate is now live and is due to finish at the end of June. The next SMACAP meeting is scheduled for June.

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#### **SACDM**

Dr Brian Kidd reported that SACDM continues to meet frequently. He highlighted that activity at the moment is in support of the development of a national strategy which is due for release at the end of May. He indicated that the Scottish Government will be focusing on the role and remit of SACDM following the report.

Brian advised that although many of the small working groups have come to a close, the Scottish Government's Delivery Group, with elements of SMACAP, SACDM and other groups, continues to meet regularly. He drew particular attention to the Outcomes sub-group chaired by Robert Peat that is currently deliberating on assessment of outcomes to assist in the commissioning process.

## **3) SAADAT Events 2008**

### **Support officers Meeting – 21<sup>st</sup> May 2008**

Theresa reported that the next support officers' development day will be taking place on the 21<sup>st</sup> May, at the Travel Inn in Edinburgh, focusing on the research project SAADAT is hosting on 'Problematic Drinking in Scotland – estimating the size of the problem and charting service capacity'. She highlighted that the aim of the day was to:

- Provide an update on the project for action teams, including the project team, methods, timescales and progress
- Seek views about the comparative roles of treatment in primary care and specialist alcohol services.
- Seek views about the costs, effectiveness and need for different approaches in the management of problem drinking

## **SAADAT Conference 2008**

Members were reminded of the conference held in autumn 2007 on social norming. It was agreed that an annual conference on a topic of particular importance could be of benefit. Theresa invited members to suggest key themes for this year's conference. Members were requested to submit suggestions via email to Theresa by mid June.

### **4) Election of SAADAT Chairperson**

Tom Wood announced to members that, as of the close of meeting, he officially stands down as SAADAT Chairman. He reported (for the benefit of new members present at the meeting) that an election for a new chairperson had taken place, and asked Mike McCarron, who was appointed to act as scrutineer to update the Association on the outcome of the election.

Mike reported that in line with the Association constitution, two candidates were nominated for the position of SAADAT chairperson. The candidates nominated were Catriona Renfrew, Greater Glasgow & Clyde Alcohol Action Team, and Dr Maggie Watts, Ayrshire & Arran ADAT.

Mike advised that 21 action teams placed their votes via ballot, highlighting that one action team had advised of Mike of a decision to abstain from voting. Mike announced the result of the election as follows:

Dr Maggie Watts received 11 votes  
Catriona Renfrew received 10 votes

Tom therefore congratulated Dr Maggie Watts on becoming the new chairperson of SAADAT and wished her well for the future.

Tom also formally thanked Mike for his role as scrutineer.

### **5) Papers for Noting**

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

1. Scotland's Futures Forum
2. National Alcohol & Drugs Communications Group
3. SAADAT Communications sub-group
4. SAADAT Workplan 2008-09
5. National Alcohol Awareness Week
6. Developing the Scottish Evidence Base for Social Norms
7. Problematic Drinking in Scotland – estimating the size of the problem and charting service capacity.
8. SAADAT SMR25 working group
9. SAADAT drugs related deaths working group

### **6) AOCB**

Tom informed members that he has taken on board the suggestion of video conferencing for Association meetings, and the suggestion of arranging separate Chairpersons meetings. He advised that this will be a matter for Dr Maggie Watts to progress for the future.

Tom closed the meeting with a few words, stating that he has enjoyed his time with SAADAT and had found his time as Chair fulfilling, and wished the Association well for the future.

**7) Date of next meeting:**

The next Association meeting will take place in September 2008 – location and venue to be confirmed.