

**Minutes of the Scottish Association of Alcohol and Drug Action Teams  
Held on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> January 08  
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  
Andrew Riley, Chairperson, Borders DAAT  
Catriona Renfrew, Chairperson, Greater Glasgow and Clyde AAT  
David Alston, Chairperson, Highland DAAT  
Donald MacLeod, Chairperson, Western Isles ADSAT  
Harry Garland, Chairperson, Orkney DASAT

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  
Elaine Youngman, DADO, Aberdeenshire ADAT  
Esther Jack, DADO, Moray DAAT  
Iain Turnbull, Development Manager, Angus DAAT  
Margaret Birrell, Shetland, ADAT  
Ruth Shepherd, Coordinator, Ayrshire & Arran ADAT  
Stevie Lydon, Coordinator, Greater Glasgow & Clyde AAT and DAT  
Susan Black, Borders DAAT  
Suzy Calder, Coordinator, Highland DAAT  
Valerie Tallon, Coordinator, Lanarkshire ADAT  
Vered Hopkins, Development Officer, Dundee City DAAT  
Wayne Gault, Aberdeenshire ADAT

Alison Douglas, Health Department, Scottish Government  
David Liddell, Scottish Drugs Forum  
Fiona Campbell, Alcohol Misuse Team, Scottish Government  
George Howie, NHS Health Scotland  
Joy Barlow, STRADA  
Steve Pavis, ISD

Mike McCarron, National Substance Use Liaison Officer (Drugs)  
Theresa Martinus, National Substance Use Liaison Officer (Alcohol)  
Leon Wylie, National Substance Use Liaison Support Officer

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Alan Johnston, Scottish Government

**APOLOGIES**

Colin Sloey, Chairperson, Lanarkshire ADAT  
Fiona MacKenzie, Chairperson, Forth Valley SAT  
Hazel Sutherland, Chairperson Shetland ADAT  
Patrick Shearer, Chairperson, Dumfries & Galloway ADAT  
Robert Peat, Chairperson, Angus DAAT

Hilary Smith, Research & Development Officer, West Lothian DAT  
Jim Parker, Lead Officer, Dumfries & Galloway ADAT  
Joni McArthur, ADO, West Lothian DAT  
Julie Murray, Coordinator, Borders DAAT  
Karen Smith, DADO, Shetland ADAT  
Liam McLaughlin, DADO, Perth & Kinross DAAT  
Liz Coates, Coordinator, Midlothian DAAT

Rita Keyte, Coordinator, Fife DAAT  
Steven Dalton, Lead Officer, Dundee City DAAT  
Eric Murch, Scottish Prison Service  
Peter Rice, Tayside Alcohol Problems Service, Representing SHAAP

## **1. Welcome**

Tom Wood welcomed everyone to the meeting and, in particular, new members, Wayne Gault, from Aberdeenshire and Alison Douglas from Scottish Government.

Tom explained that the agenda had been streamlined to facilitate the presentation from Alan Johnston, Scottish Government, on the ADAT stocktake and to all time for discussion. All items that could be dealt with by papers have been grouped together under a 'for noting' section on the agenda.

## **Apologies**

Apologies were as listed above.

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

David Alston requested that the previous minute be amended to reflect his request that the timing and location of meetings should take account of members from the North of Scotland and their longer travelling time. Video conferencing facilities were also asked to be considered.

**Action – Kathleen Donnelly**

### **2.1 Matters Arising:**

#### **SMACAP**

Dr Maggie Watts reported that she was unable to attend the meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> October due to the SAADAT conference on that date. Dr. Watts informed the meeting that SMACAP was in the process of reviewing its remit and reminded members that the current membership was not authorized as representatives of any parent body. Some members expressed concern at this arrangement for SAADAT and that the views of SAADAT should be formally represented. It was agreed that the Scottish Government should be asked to consider this for both advisory committees.

#### **SACDM**

Dr Brian Kidd reported that membership of SACDM reflected the same issues as discussed above. Various small working groups within SACDM are coming to a close with one main topic area, delivery, remaining. The next meeting of SACDM is 21<sup>st</sup> January.

**Action: Tom to raise the issue of membership of both SMACAP and SACDM with the Scottish Government.**

### **3) Presentation : ADAT Stocktake by Alan Johnston, Deputy Director, Drugs & Community Safety Division, Scottish Government.**

Mr Johnston outlined the key findings from the stocktake in relation to delivery of services and the first steps being taken by the Scottish Government to move the agenda forward.

A copy of the presentation will be made available to all SAADAT members. Some key discussion points are outlined below:

Following consultation with action team on membership, a joint working group has been convened and will meet for the first time on 28 January. As a priority, the group will develop clarity about its remit and consider key aspects of delivery arrangements including issues of accountability and strengthening national support.

Mr. Johnston referred to his letter of 11<sup>th</sup> January to all chairpersons regarding feedback and reporting arrangements to the Scottish Government. Having listened to action teams on the value of Corporate Action Plans, the requirement to prepare and submit CAPs will cease from 01<sup>st</sup> April 2008. Instead, it is proposed that ADATs send the Scottish Government a copy of their own strategic Workplan for 2008/09 with a clear statement of outcomes to be delivered in the year ahead.

Some chairpersons expressed their concern at the lack of engagement with Action Team Chairmen following on from the successful meeting with the Ministers in October. They indicated their willingness to work with the alcohol and drug agenda and assist in provision of services for people with alcohol and drug problems, but in return felt that the links/ approaches/ ways of working... between the local teams and the Scottish Government had significant room for improvement.

Several discussion points were made relating to the challenges local authorities will face following the removal of ring fenced funding before outcome agreements have been decided.

It is envisaged that the funding allocation to ADATs for 2008-09 will be confirmed by the end of February. Dr. Watts indicated that she, as chairperson of the Scottish Association of Alcohol Action Teams, she had been involved in the funding formulae for the allocation of alcohol resources and would be happy to do so again.

#### **4) Support Officers Meeting – 12<sup>th</sup> February 08.**

Mike McCarron updated the meeting on the topics to be covered at the next support officer day on 12<sup>th</sup> February. The day will be devoted to discussing the stocktake and delivery, SWIA report and quality standards.

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

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

1. Scotland's Futures Forum
2. SAADAT expert seminar – education and prevention
3. National Alcohol and Drugs Communication Group
4. SAADAT Workplan 2007-08 with comments invited to inform 08-09 plan.
5. National Alcohol Awareness Week
6. Problematic Drinking in Scotland – estimating the size of the problem and charting service capacity.
7. SAADAT SMR25 working group
8. SAADAT drugs related deaths working group

**6) AOCB  
SAADAT Election**

Tom reminded the meeting that he intends to stand down from his position as Chairperson of SAADAT. He encouraged all chairs to consider nominations for the position.

**Action: Mike McCarron will be contacting chairpersons for nominations in line with the association constitution.**

**7) Date of next meeting:**

The next Association meeting will take place in Glasgow on 14<sup>th</sup> May 2008 (Venue TBC)