



**Minutes of the Scottish Association of Alcohol and Drug Action Teams
Held on Wednesday 21st January 2009
Thistle Hotel, Glasgow**

PRESENT	
<p>Dr Maggie Watts, SAADAT Chairperson, Chairperson, Ayrshire & Arran ADAT Catriona Renfrew, Chairperson, Greater Glasgow and Clyde AAT Donald MacLeod, Chairperson, Western Isles ADSAT Martin Bonar, Vice Chairperson, Action on Alcohol & Drugs in Edinburgh Gaynor Jones, Chairperson, Orkney DASAT Fiona MacKenzie, Chairperson, Forth Valley SAT</p> <p>Elaine Lawlor, Coordinator, Forth Valley SAT John Thayres, Coordinator, Midlothian DAAT Liam McLaughlin, DADO, Perth & Kinross DAAT Ruth Shepherd, Coordinator, Ayrshire & Arran ADAT Stevie Lydon, Coordinator, Greater Glasgow & Clyde AAT and DAT Valerie Tallon, Coordinator, Lanarkshire ADAT Wendy Ingledew, ADO, Western Isles ADSAT Iain Turnbull, Coordinator, Angus DAAT Maggie Murray, Strategy Support & Implementation Officer, Action on Alcohol & Drugs in Edinburgh Fraser Hoggan, Health Improvement Officer, Aberdeen City JADAT John Campbell, DADO, Moray DAAT Ian Smillie, Co-ordinator, Perth & Kinross DAAT</p>	<p>Jack Law, Alcohol Focus Scotland Fiona Campbell, Alcohol Misuse Team, Scottish Government Joe Griffin, Drugs Policy Unit, Scottish Government Vicki Webster, Drugs Policy Unit, Scottish Government Mike Palmer, Public Health Directorate, Scottish Government Sita Smith, Scottish Government Lorna Jackson, ISD Joy Barlow, STRADA Ruth Parker, Scottish Prison Services (representing Eric Murch) Eleanor Robertson, SNFAD Pauline Machin, SNFAD</p> <p>Theresa Martinus, National Substance Use Liaison Officer (Alcohol) Leon Wylie, Acting National Substance Use Liaison Officer (Drugs) Kathleen Donnelly, SAADAT Office Manager</p>
APOLOGIES	
<p>Colin McKenzie, Chairperson, Aberdeenshire ADAT Robert Peat, Chairperson, Angus DAAT Brian Kidd, Chairperson, Dundee City DAAT Stephen Moore, Chairperson, Fife DAAT David Burke, Chairperson, Perth & Kinross DAAT Bill Nicoll, Vice Chairperson, Perth & Kinross DAAT Hazel Sutherland, Chairperson, Shetland ADAT</p> <p>George Howie, NHS Health Scotland Peter Rice, SHAAP William McColl - SCDEA</p>	<p>Alexander Kelman, Team Leader, Aberdeen City JADAT Wayne Gault, Team Leader, Aberdeenshire ADAT Hilary Smith, Policy Officer, West Lothian DAT Rita Keyte, Coordinator, Fife DAAT Jim Parker, Lead Officer, Dumfries & Galloway ADAT Suzy Calder, Coordinator, Highland DAAT Lynne Spence, Coordinator, Orkney DASAT Karen Smith, DADO, Shetland ADAT Julie Murray, Coordinator, Borders 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 10th September 2008 was accepted as a fair and accurate record.

2.1. Matters Arising

Dr Maggie Watts confirmed that she met with Shona Robson and Fergus Ewing following the last SAADAT meeting. The focus of the meeting was the anticipated roadshows around The Road to Recovery drugs strategy, which have been taking place over the autumn and winter.

3. Presentations:

Delivery Reform

Mike Palmer, from the Public Health Division at the Scottish Government gave a presentation on Delivery Reform. This was followed by a discussion. (Copy of presentation attached)

Mike highlighted in his presentation that a meeting with Ministers and ADAT chairpersons will take place on 10th February 2009. He emphasized that Ministers are keen to hear the views from ADAT chairpersons and would take these into account in their response to the recommendations.

Mike also advised that the Scottish Government intend to hold a conference in order to bring people together to discuss the new arrangements. A provisional date for this event is 16th March 2009. Confirmation and more details will follow in due course. **Action: Scottish Government**

Drug waiting times targets (HEAT)

A presentation on drug waiting times targets (HEAT) was provided by Sita Smith, Scottish Government, and a discussion followed. (Copy of presentation attached).

Sita confirmed that Joe Griffin is the policy lead on the drugs waiting time HEAT target. She also emphasised that the Scottish Government is keen to work with local teams to improve data quality and confidence. The Waiting Times Team at ISD will be visiting ADATs over the next two months to help them identify problems and work towards effective solutions with services.

Catriona Renfrew, GGC, expressed her disappointment that services for people with alcohol problems do not have a similar HEAT target for waiting times. This places people with serious alcohol problems at a disadvantage in terms of access to services. Joe Griffin, Scottish Government, advised that a decision on this has yet to be made and that this will be given consideration.

Sita circulated a list of local contacts for each ADAT and asked for confirmation that this list is accurate and complete.

Supporting Families

Eleanor Robertson from The Scottish Network for Families affected by Drugs (SNFAD) outlined the role of SNFAD and spoke about the forthcoming annual conference, taking place on the 7th & 8th March 2009 at the Stirling Management Centre.

Eleanor requested support as SNFAD are keen that families from all over Scotland are given the opportunity to attend this event and be part of a national service needs analysis that will inform service design and delivery locally for families. The aim is to get at least four family members from most regions (and more from the larger areas). ADATs have previously been greatly supportive of this, sponsoring a number of family members from their ADAT area to attend these conferences.

4. SAADAT Administration:

4.1: SMACAP

Dr Maggie Watts reported that SMACAP had met in December, however due to prior commitments she was unable to attend the meeting. Jack Law highlighted he was present at the meeting and reported that a discussion on the alcohol consultation, the key challenges, and looking at the broad priorities took place. The next meeting is due to take place on the 9th February 09.

4.2: SACDM

Joe Griffin stated that SACDM has not met since the last association meeting, therefore nothing at present to report.

4.3: Action Team Visits 2008

A paper by Theresa Martinus was distributed with the papers for this meeting. Theresa restated the purpose of the visits, i.e. to discuss changes introduced by our Chairperson, Dr. Watts, to increase the transparency and accountability of the national officer posts and the association. To do this an advisory group has been established which will agree strategic priorities and oversee the implementation of an annual business plan. Two places on the advisory group remain vacant, one for an ADAT chair and one for drugs expertise, similar to that provided by SHAAP for alcohol. Expressions of interest to Kathleen Donnelly are welcome.

In addition to the above, the visits also provide national officers with a better understanding of local needs and the type of support they would value from SAADAT. The final report will be made available by 31st March 2009, and include support needs of local teams, an overview of innovative local practice, local research, needs assessment and scoping work and, current status of alcohol and drug strategies. **Action: Theresa Martinus**

4.4: Support Officers' Training & Development Days 2009

A paper by Theresa Martinus was distributed with the papers for this meeting. Based on consultation with colleagues a programme for the next 6 months has been agreed. The first event on 4th February focuses on wider partnership working and asks the question "What are you doing to improve relationships with your CPP/CHP partners?" The second event in June 09 will concentrate on 'outcomes' and, for those participating, a further (optional) three days of training will be offered.

Maggie Murray expressed appreciation and sincere thanks to both Theresa and Leon for their efforts in delivering training & development days.

4.5: Delivery Reform

This agenda item was covered under agenda item 4.5.

Gaynor Jones, Orkney DASAT, asked the question about funding 2009/2010. Dr Watts advised that alcohol and drug funding streams will remain the same. She also highlighted that there has been a 13.5% increase in drug treatment funding announced recently. The alcohol funding for 09/10 has yet to be announced.

5. Alcohol and Drugs Communications:

5.1: National Alcohol Awareness Week 2008

A report by Theresa Martinus was distributed with the meeting papers. Theresa thanked everyone for making NAAW 2008 a success. She also thanked George Howie, NHS Health Scotland (who could not attend meeting) for Health Scotland's contribution in producing a 'Healthier Scotland' branded version of the unit measures that were produced for Alcohol Awareness Week. These measures should be available for distribution during February 09; the association will be kept informed. **Action: Theresa Martinus**

5.2: SAADAT Sub-Groups

A report by Theresa Martinus was distributed with the meeting papers on the work of the SAADAT communications and the information sub-groups. This paper was noted.

A full report from the music festivals sub-group was also circulated. This report provides a literature review, the achievements of working with event organising committees, the use of social networking sites to engage festival attendees before the event, and the alcohol and drug using behaviours of 1589 16-30 year olds. Theresa thanked Dr. John McAlaney from Bradford University for data input and analysis and Liam McLaughlin and Hilary Smith for their work with the event organising committee and the training and support provided to volunteer interviewers.

6. Planning:

6.1: Problematic Drinking in Scotland; estimating the size of the problem and charting service capacity (SANA)

A paper prepared by Theresa Martinus to inform members of progress was distributed with the papers for this meeting. The draft report is currently subject to a formal peer review process and will be launched after changes have been agreed and incorporated within the report.

Valerie Tallon, Lanarkshire ADAT, asked that any future work provide a breakdown at NHS Board level. Maggie Watts indicated that this had been considered but, because of the wide variability associated with small sample size, it would not be practicable to break down the Scottish Health Survey data to this level across Scotland. However consideration is being given to enhancing sample size in future surveys.

6.2: Alcohol & Drugs Workforce Development Plan of Action

A paper prepared by Leon Wylie to update members of current actions regarding the Alcohol and Drugs Workforce Development Plan of Action consultation process was distributed prior to meeting with the agenda. This paper was noted.

Leon announced that the consultation meeting scheduled for the 22nd January has now been changed and will take place on the 27th January at the Royal College of Physicians in Edinburgh.

6.3: Schools Substance Misuse Education Steering Group

A paper prepared by Leon Wylie to inform members on current developments was distributed prior to meeting with the agenda. This paper was noted.

7. Services:

7.1: Brief Intervention Delivery Support Group

SAADAT is represented on this group by Donald Macleod, Chairperson, Western Isles ADSAT. Mr. Macleod reported that considerable variation exists across Scotland with some areas reporting full engagement with GPs while others experience more reluctance to become involved.

7.3: 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.

7.4: Hepatitis C

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

7.5: National Injecting Equipment Guidelines

A paper prepared by Leon Wylie to update members of current actions by National Officers in the National Injecting Equipment Guidelines was distributed prior to the meeting along with the agenda. This paper was noted.

7.6: Drug Related Deaths DATA Collection

A paper prepared by Leon Wylie to inform membership of the latest developments that may affect local ADATs was distributed prior to the meeting along with the agenda. This paper was noted.

8. Local Licensing Forums

Catriona Renfrew, Greater Glasgow & Clyde, opened a discussion around the role, membership and effectiveness of Local Licensing Fora. Catriona expressed concern that local licensing fora tend to be dominated by trade interests, and asked if the experience in other areas is similar. The appropriateness of raising this issue with the Scottish Government was highlighted.

Ruth Shepherd agreed to share via email the experience of Ayrshire & Arran. Iain Turnbull and Ian Smillie reported on the experiences of Angus, and Perth and Kinross respectively. Jack Law, AFS, confirmed that there are now 40 licensing fora across Scotland and that most of these are trade dominated. He stated that he feels there are issues that do need to be addressed and that there tends to be little understanding about public health in terms of licensing. Jack informed the association that AFS recently compiled a literature review which he would be happy to share. He also advised that the National Licensing Officer's post is currently up for review and welcomed views from the association. Catriona Renfrew suggested that it would be helpful if a report from the NLO was circulated outlining the various models operating across the country.

Action: Ruth Shepherd & Jack Law

9. Papers for noting:

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

1. Scotland's Futures Forum – Developing the evidence base for social norms.

10. AOCB

Gaynor Jones, Orkney DASAT requested that 'Children affected by parental substance misuse' be placed on the agenda for next meeting in May.

Dr Maggie Watts raised the issue of delivery reform and the future of SAADAT. She informed the meeting that when the association meets again in May, Alcohol and Drug Partnerships will already be developing and consideration will need to be given to whether a national association is required and appropriate. This will be discussed at the next meeting but she invited views from local teams as to the role and relevance of a national association. **Action: Dr Watts**

11. Date of next meeting:

The next Association meeting will take place on 13th May 2009 at the Royal College of Physicians in Edinburgh at 1 pm.