

## **DAAT REPORT**

OFFICERS REPORTING: DI WRIGHT, DAAT MANAGER AND COMMISSIONER

### **1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

To communicate to the Crime and Disorder Forum, current issues in the Drug and Alcohol Action Team's work programme.

### **2. OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION:**

**That the Crime and Disorder Forum notes the current work developments of the Drug and Alcohol Action Team.**

### **3. SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

#### **3.1 Tendering**

The tier two/three tender process was completed and the T2 service was once again awarded to Turning Point. Turning Point won a three-year contract, which commenced in March 2009. The tier three service for East Berkshire is currently being re-tendered. Five organisations have been successful at the PQQ (pre qualifying questionnaire) stage and will be invited for interview. The five modalities of the service have been separately tendered for including alcohol interventions, psychosocial interventions, prescribing and the blood borne virus service. Once awarded, the three-year contract will begin in January 2010.

#### **3.2 Alcohol Workers**

Two Alcohol Arrest Referral Workers are being recruited to work across East Berkshire. One post has been successfully filled but the second post will have to be re-advertised. The DAAT will also be recruiting a new Community Alcohol Treatment (CAT) Worker who will provide support for those with alcohol problems referred from various community sources. This worker will provide group work in addition to one to ones.

#### **3.3 National Indicators**

##### **3.3.1 NI 30 Re-offending rate of prolific and priority offenders**

At the end of March 2009, the target of a reduction from 99 to 74 crimes (convictions) was exceeded with a final figure of 65.

##### **3.3.2 NI40 Number of drug users recorded as being in effective treatment**

The latest published figure is 84% of those in treatment are in effective treatment. This has

exceeded the target of 83%.

#### **4. CONSULTATION CARRIED OUT**

The DAAT consulted with partners throughout the tendering process via the DAAT Joint Commissioning Group. Consultation was carried out with partners in RBWM alongside the Bracknell Forest DAAT when the Alcohol Arrest Referral Scheme was designed and advertised.

#### **5. IMPLICATIONS**

##### **5.1 Financial**

The three-year service contracts are planned within DAAT current budgets. However, there would be financial threats to these contracts if the Pooled Treatment Budget is reduced. The Alcohol Arrest Referral Scheme is funded for one year via a Home Office bid, however funds are not secure for future years at present.

##### **5.2 Legal**

None.

##### **5.3 Human Rights Act**

None of the Convention Rights will be affected by this decision