

Warwickshire Drug and Alcohol Treatment Needs Assessment 2012/13

Recommendations

Treatment/Recovery

- The Recovery Partnership to undertake appropriate treatment interventions to increase the proportion of clients successfully completing drug treatment.
- The Recovery Partnership to undertake both appropriate treatment interventions to increase the proportion of clients successfully completing drug treatment and data recording improvements to ensure that this is accurately reported to NDTMS.
- The Recovery Partnership to continue to take appropriate action to reduce the length of time clients spend in treatment by providing support to enable them to complete their recovery journey.
- Warwickshire treatment services to work towards Strang compliance.
- The Recovery Partnership to build closer links with, and provide advice on appropriate prescribing to, non Shared Care GPs who prescribe opioid substitutes, starting with the practices in rural Stratford-on-Avon that prescribed the highest numbers in 2011/12. The Shared Care scheme to be promoted to these practices wherever possible.
- The Recovery Partnership to continue to establish outreach locations in suitable venues around the county, to ensure treatment services are accessible to as many residents as possible.
- The Recovery Partnership and ESH Works to continue to encourage service users to set up and improve existing recovery networks across Warwickshire, particularly in the north of the county.

- All partners to take into consideration feedback from the provider and practitioner surveys and barriers identified to the implementation of the recovery agenda that are relevant to their service.
- Note issues and barriers raised in the practitioner survey and undertake a follow up survey next year to see how or if things have improved.
- Recovery Asset thinking to be part of Warwickshire's approach to client work going forward.

Communications

- Warwickshire DAAT and partners to focus the delivery of key messages about alcohol, including information about safe drinking and treatment services, towards target audiences across the County.
- Warwickshire DAAT and the Recovery Partnership to undertake further activity raising awareness of the potential harm that can be caused by legal highs.
- Warwickshire DAAT and partners to develop appropriate delivery mechanisms to promote treatment services to a wider audience.
- The Recovery Forum to develop an action plan to take forward the messages from the service user consultation.
- Warwickshire DAAT to use the Mosaic analysis to target preventative messages to young people/adults in the County.
- Warwickshire DAAT to also use the previous Mosaic analysis carried out for the 2011/12 needs assessment to work with partners to effectively target messages in relation to alcohol use and help raise awareness of the new treatment service.
- Warwickshire DAAT to explore the possibility of assessing the client profile of the Recovery Partnership using Mosaic to enable messages about treatment services to be targeted more effectively.

- The Recovery Partnership and ESH Works to promote activities shown to aid recovery to all service users.

Wraparound Services

- Warwickshire DAAT to work with the University of Warwick Students' Union to promote safe drinking messages to students, utilising appropriate delivery mechanisms.
- Warwickshire DAAT to pursue the survey of employers to better understand their needs and views on the subject of substance misuse in the workplace and employing ex-service users.
- The Recovery Partnership and Jobcentre Plus to review their joint working arrangements, with the aim of improving employment outcomes for drug and alcohol service users.
- Warwickshire DAAT to undertake or commission a detailed analysis of the barriers to accessing housing provision experienced by drug and alcohol treatment service users (similar in scope to the employment analysis undertaken in 2012).