

Further Background & Update from NYYPCT Alcohol Harm Reduction Strategy

NHS North Yorkshire and York is a partner in the North Yorkshire and York Alcohol Harm Reduction Strategy. For the last 12 months the PCT has been working with partner agencies (Drug and Alcohol Action Team, Crime Disorder Reduction Partnerships, Local Authorities, Police and Probation) who all fund secondary care alcohol intervention services to ascertain what funding is in place and what alcohol intervention services are being delivered across North Yorkshire and York. During 2008 the North Yorkshire Safer Partnership (NYSP) agreed with NHS North Yorkshire and York that the current commissioning of alcohol misuse services was not consistent across the patch and NHS North Yorkshire and York and NYSP agreed to fund 2 alcohol project officers for 4 months to fully scope and review the provision in each locality against the Models of Care for Alcohol so that all partners can have an up to date picture of service provision in North Yorkshire to be able to prioritise and agree future joint commissioning. A meeting was held on 21 November between NHS, Local Authority and Criminal Justice commissioning staff with all Voluntary and NHS alcohol providers who provide specialist intervention and detoxification services to advise them that the project was commencing and to ask them to engage with the alcohol project officers and also to ascertain current waiting for specialist intervention and detoxification services.

NHS North Yorkshire and York will be engaging with GP's via Practice Based Consortia regarding alcohol misuse services over the next 2 months to discuss the provision of alcohol misuse services to ensure that the work we have commenced with secondary care providers links with primary care to ensure a clear care pathway for alcohol misuse care provision.

There is a further alcohol commissioning partnership meetings arranged for 23 January 09 and partners from health, Drug and Alcohol Action Team, Crime Disorder Reduction Partnerships, Local Authorities, Police and Probation will meet to see the first draft of the report from the alcohol project officers and plan how we work in partnership to commission alcohol services in the future.