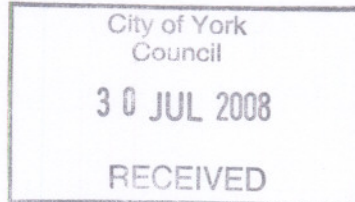


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Dear Mr. Haswell,

RE: Licensing Act 2003

Thank you for your letter dated 10 July 2008 where you requested details of action being taken by North Yorkshire and York PCT (NYYPCT) to reduce drinking levels in the City of York. These are as follows:

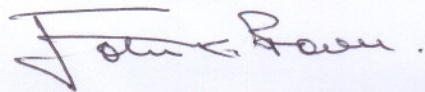
- During 2007/08 a health improvement manager was allocated dedicated time to co-write the North Yorkshire and York Alcohol Harm Reduction Strategy, on behalf of the Joint Alcohol Working Group, which reports to Safer York Partnership and North Yorkshire Strategic Partnership
- The North Yorkshire and York Alcohol Harm Reduction Strategy was presented to the NYYPCT Board in May 2008 and the NYYPCT agreed to lead the health and treatment section of the Strategy and seek to commission new services within the context of financial recovery
- The PCT already commissions a range of alcohol treatment services, including the non-statutory York Alcohol Advice Service, the Community Addictions Team and a Substance Misuse Nurse at York Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
- An Alcohol Factsheet was produced by NYYPCT's public health department in May 2008 and widely circulated to frontline staff to support them in addressing harmful and hazardous drinking with their patients/clients. This fact sheet is available on the PCT's website (www.nyypct.nhs.uk/StayingHealthy) together with additional information to help reduce drinking levels
- A PCT public health representative has attended and supported ALTN8 meetings (York police led campaign to reduce alcohol related harm) and provided information for a referral card



Through the North Yorkshire and York Alcohol Harm Reduction Strategy and our engagement with Safer York Partnership, we are committed to reducing the harms associated with the misuse of alcohol and promoting sensible drinking. We support the York LAA2 target to reduce alcohol harm related admissions. If you would like to discuss this further please feel free to contact Melanie Bradbury, Assistant Director of Commissioning on 01904 724051.

I hope you find this information helpful, however if you require further assistance please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely



for

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