

In Partnership Project

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Service Provision

- **Accommodation**
- **Structured Day Programme**
- **Floating Support**



Why we work with Class A Drug Users

- Meeting local needs
- Responding to strategic priorities
- Support Model
- Eyes wide open
- Support planning



Accommodation

- Type and tenure
- Staffing
- Funding
- Selection criteria
- Management of environment



Meeting hard targets

- Utilisation
- Throughput
- Planned Outcomes
- Void weeks
- Arrears



How we make it work

- Policy and Procedure
- Awareness of legal issues
- Liaison with statutory and voluntary services
- Staff training
- Support Planning
- Risk Management



Support Outcomes

- Engaging with harm reduction programmes
- Accessing support from specialist services and maintaining treatment
- Sustaining reduction programme
- Working towards rehab and relapse prevention
- Ensuring that abstinence remains stable



Actions to meet support goals

- E.g. Harm reduction:
 - Referral to GP – needle injuries
 - Referral to CDT – CJDT – assessment for methadone/subutex
 - Introduction to needle exchange
 - Follow safe injecting practices
 - Safe disposal of needles
 - Review of where drugs are purchased



Harm reduction cont'd

- Avoid using drugs alone
- Blood screening at needle exchange
- Regular appointments with drugs worker
- Comply with terms of DTTO
- Honesty about drug use



Role of Structured Day Programme

- Diversionary activity
- Alternative therapy
- Life skills
- Agency input



Current Work

- Case A – Problematic drug user not engaging
- Case B – DTTO
- Case C - CJDT & diversionary activity
- Case D – CJDT & CMHT



Thank you

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