



## **Alcohol and Drug Commissioning Framework for Northern Ireland 2013-16**

**Consultation Questionnaire.**

This questionnaire has been designed to help stakeholders respond to the above framework.

Written responses are welcome either using this questionnaire template or in an alternative format which best suits your comments.

Please respond to the consultation document by post or e-mail to

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**YOUR RESPONSE MUST BE RECEIVED BY 11<sup>th</sup> April**

*(Please the relevant tick boxes)*

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## CONSULTATION QUESTIONS

1. Do you agree with the approach being proposed by the PHA/HSCB in the development of a Drug and Alcohol Commissioning Framework for Northern Ireland as outlined in section 3 of this document?

**Yes**

Comments:

We do agree with the proposed approach, however our only concerns would be if the funding is available to match the aims and objectives highlighted in each area. We think this is a well thought out document and agree with the emphasis being on a more local/community level.

### SECTION ONE: CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE AND FAMILIES

#### Drugs and Alcohol

##### 7.1 Education and Prevention

2. Do you agree with the commissioning priorities as laid out in this section?

**Yes**

Comments:

Although there is sufficient evidence around skills based interventions none have been linked on a local level. We would have liked to have seen more locally based evidence from Northern Ireland to back up the commissioning priorities. We agree that Tier 1 is no longer targeted and will be available to all. We would definitely like more clarification around the input from schools.

3. Do you agree with the Service Aims and Role and Functions outlined in this section?

**Yes**

Comments:

The only challenge will be ensuring there is enough resources to engage all children and young people as outlined. We think there will be challenges carrying out day-to-day work to implement these aims.

4. Do you agree with the outcomes listed in this section

**Yes**

Comments:

## 7.9 Early Intervention and Treatment

### Early intervention

5. Do you agree with the commissioning priorities as laid out in this section?

**Yes**

Comments:

We feel that low level early intervention should also be carried out under Education & Prevention.

6. Do you agree with the Service Aims and Role and Functions outlined in this section?

**Yes**

Comments:

Need to clarify what is meant by brief intervention – different services have different approaches on sessions numbers.

7. Do you agree with the outcomes listed in this section?

**Yes**

Comments:

There should be a clear care pathway identified and made a priority within the outcomes.

### Young people's treatment services including CAMHS

8. Do you agree with the commissioning priorities as laid out in this section?

**Yes**

Comments:

Not applicable to our service.

9. Do you agree with the Service Aims and Role and Functions outlined in this section?

**Yes**

Comments:

Not applicable to our service.

10. Do you agree with the outcomes listed in this section?

**Yes**

Comments:

Not applicable to our service.

## 7.21 Hidden Harm

### Early Intervention

11. Do you agree with the commissioning priorities as laid out in this section?

**Yes**

Comments:

Not applicable to our service.

12. Do you agree with the Service Aims and Role and Functions outlined in this section?

**Yes**

Comments:

It is good to see maternity services included.

13. Do you agree with the outcomes listed in this section?

**Yes**

Comments:

Not applicable to our service.

### Treatment and Support

14. Do you agree with the commissioning priorities as laid out in this section?

**Yes**

Comments:

Not applicable to our service.

15. Do you agree with the Service Aims and Role and Functions outlined in this section?

**Yes**

Comments:

Not applicable to our service.

16. Do you agree with the outcomes listed in this section?

**Yes**

Comments:

Not applicable to our service.

## SECTION TWO: ADULTS AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC

### 8.1 Education and Prevention

17. Do you agree with the commissioning priorities as laid out in this section?

**Yes**

Comments:

We agree with the universal nature of the Education & Prevention for Adults. This will provide a positive impact as we can now target everyone not just those in super output areas.

18. Do you agree with the Service Aims and Role and Functions outlined in this section?

**Yes**

Comments:

Need to ensure all services have knowledge of each other and what they do within each area.

19. Do you agree with the outcomes listed in this section?

**Yes**

Comments:

Yes we agree with these outcomes but feel they are very general and need to be more specific.

### 8.4 Early Intervention Services

20. Do you agree with the commissioning priorities as laid out in this section?

**Yes**

Comments:

Not applicable to our service.

21. Do you agree with the Service Aims and Role and Functions outlined in this section?

**Yes**

Comments:

Not applicable to our service.

22. Do you agree with the outcomes listed in this section?

**Yes**

Comments:

Not applicable to our service.

## 8.11 Substance Misuse Liaison Services

23. Do you agree with the commissioning priorities as laid out in this section?

**Yes**

Comments:

Not applicable to our service.

24. Do you agree with the Service Aims and Role and Functions outlined in this section?

**Yes**

Comments:

Not applicable to our service.

25. Do you agree with the outcomes listed in this section?

**Yes**

Comments:

Not applicable to our service.

## 8.20 Low Threshold Services

26. Do you agree with the commissioning priorities as laid out in this section?

**Yes**

Comments:

Not applicable to our service.

27. Do you agree with the Service Aims and Role and Functions outlined in this section?

**Yes**

Comments:

Not applicable to our service.

28. Do you agree with the outcomes listed in this section?

**Yes**

Comments:

Not applicable to our service.

## **8.28 Community Based Treatment and Support**

29. Do you agree with the commissioning priorities as laid out in this section?

**Yes**

Comments:

Need to ensure more beds are available to accommodate more people accessing these services.

30. Do you agree with the Service Aims and Role and Functions outlined in this section?

**Yes**

Comments:

Not applicable to our service.

31. Do you agree with the outcomes listed in this section?

**Yes**

Comments:

Not applicable to our service.

## **8.41 Inpatient and Residential Rehabilitation Provision**

32. Do you agree with the commissioning priorities as laid out in this section?

**Yes**

Comments:

Need to provide more for young people in this area, although a baseline would need to be carried out to measure this need.

33. Do you agree with the Service Aims and Role and Functions outlined in this section?

**Yes**

Comments:

These are good but very general and non-specific.

34. Do you agree with the outcomes listed in this section?

**Yes**

Comments:

Not applicable to our service.



## SECTION THREE: CAPACITY

### 9.1 Service User and Family Involvement

36. Do you agree with the commissioning priorities as laid out in this section?

**Yes**

Comments:

Need to ensure service users get support to carry out monitoring procedures, general form filling in as they are not practitioners.

37. Do you agree with the Service Aims and Role and Functions outlined in this section?

**Yes**

Comments:

Yes but need to be realistic in terms of service users capabilities and remember they are not trained professionals.

38. Do you agree with the outcomes listed in this section

**Yes**

Comments:

Need to give consideration to the role of service users and take their concerns seriously.

### 9.7 Workforce Development

The workforce development commissioning priorities are designed to ensure that those working in the field of alcohol and drugs as commissioned by PHS/HSCB are competent and confident to deliver all aspects of this work commensurate with their role and function.

39. Do you agree with the commissioning priorities as laid out in this section?

**Yes**

Comments:

There is no mention of DANOS competencies – are we still to include these in our training courses? Need to clarify the costs of third level qualifications and are they going to be free of charge to practitioners wishing to undertake these courses.

40. Do you agree with the Service Aims and Role and Functions outlined in this section?

**Yes**

Comments:

They are very thorough and wide reaching and we need to ensure there is capacity/resources available to match the services described.

41. Do you agree with the outcomes listed in this section

**Yes**

Comments:

42. Do you agree with the findings of the Equality, Good Relations and Human Rights Template that accompanied this document

**Yes**

Comments:

43. Are there any priorities for commissioning that are not reflected in this framework?

**No**

Comments:

All priorities appear to be covered in this framework, however we need to ensure that funding/capacity is available to match the framework.

### **FURTHER COMMENTS**

44. Please use the space below to inform us of any additional comments you wish to make in relation to the Drug and Alcohol commissioning framework.

- More emphasis needs to be given to mental health and dual diagnosis.
- Need to make sure it is realistic.
- Need to clarify who is paying for third level qualifications within Workforce Development section – will salaries match qualifications gained?