

Western Investing For Health Partnership

1. Yes Comments : This approach will ensure consistency based on evidence and will ensure integration of PHA and HSCB plans. This will allow for a better use of resources
2. Yes Comments: In particular WIFH welcomes the strengthening of joint working with DE/ ELBs at a regional level giving this the priority it will need to move forward.
3. Yes
4. Yes Comments: In response to outcome one this is commendable however will require a major family, community and Education input and additional resources.
5. Yes
6. Yes Comments: A lead in time will be required to ensure all relevant staff are trained in screening and assessment using RIAT. This will build on the evidence gathered from the pilot sites. This training would need to be provided beyond the statutory services to include community and organisations.
7. Yes Comments: WIFH would like to see a reference to a user involvement process for young people using these services
8. Yes
9. Yes
10. Yes Comments: However as well as links with Family Support Hubs the document should also mention links with schools and Early Years Settings including community and voluntary settings 7.24.4 – The WIFH group are unsure whether this will be

achieved in practice due to the capacity of Family and Childcare Social Workers. Realistically, if substance misuse is not having a significant impact on the well-being of children will the situation be monitored?

7.24.6 – Where referrals are made between Children and Adult services- ongoing collaboration should take place beyond the initial referral.

7.24.7 – Where referrals are made between organisational boundaries the UNOCINI form should be used to ensure consistency and quality of assessment, referral and family support approach and progress. This may impact on training needs for workers across sectors.

7.25 Maternity Services

Maternity services should be linked to Community and Voluntary sector and Family Support Hubs.

Maternity services also have a role and function in the collection of data on a) dependent children, b) whether they are in need of support and c) what action is taken – referral made?

7.26 Multiagency Working

WIFH welcomes the implementation of Joint working Protocols to improve the safety and outcomes for the Children and Young People

11. Yes Comments: It should be noted that organisations do not gather data in a consistent way across boundaries and teams. To maximise the impact of referral and ensure safety of children it should be a requirement across services working with adults to gather data on a) dependent children, b) whether they are in need of support and c) what action taken – referral made?

12. Yes Comments: 7.27 and 2.29 Outcomes

The outcomes are well stated. Maybe an outcome could be added around embedding Hidden Harm within all Drug and Alcohol services.

Should these outcomes be clearly linked to the Children and Young Peoples high-level outcomes of:

- Enjoying Learning and Achieving
- Experience Environmental and Economic Well-being
- Contribute positively to community and Society
- Live in Safety and with Stability, and
- Live in a Society that Respects their Rights

13. Yes

14. Yes

15. 7.28 Role and Function of Treatment Services

We agree with and welcome the direction outlined in the role and function of Treatment Services. Joint working between the Children and Adult service is crucial in delivering these services and also consistency of assessment and referral processes.

16. Yes Comments: WIFH would welcome specific reference to regulation through pricing/taxation and restricting supply as the evidence shows this to be effective.

17. Yes Comments: It may be necessary to be more explicit in relation to later years and take on board the evidence of the misuse of prescribed drugs and lower tolerance.

18. Yes To ensure these outcomes are achieved education and prevention messages will need to address and highlight levels of consumption as a key problem

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20. Yes Comment: WIFH welcomes the introduction of a common assessment system and protocol for joint working and training.

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22. Yes

23. Yes Comments: WIFH welcomes the enhancement of the Substance Misuse Liaison Service this service needs to be extended to ensure those with alcohol related issues are given support from the appropriate service and do not go undetected.

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25. No Comment

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29. No Comment

30. No Comment

31. No Comment

32. No Comment

33. No Comment

34. No Comment
35. No Comment
36. Yes Comments: WIFH would like to see a specific reference to user involvement in relation to Young People to ensure that the recommendations from 'Providing Meaningful Care' addressing Access to services are taken on board. This will help to ensure the specific needs of the young person as a service user are met
37. No Comment
38. No Comment
39. No Comment
40. No Comment
41. No Comment
42. No Comment

43. As previously mentioned WIFH would like to see specific reference to later years As noted in the evidence the use of alcohol /drugs does reduce with age however there is some evidence which points to the misuse of prescribed drugs in some older people. There is also the fact that tolerance to alcohol reduces with increased age. Therefore it would be useful to see a specific reference to this age group