

# Alcohol & Drugs Service

## WHSCT



Western Health  
and Social Care Trust

# ALCOHOL AND DRUGS SERVICE

- 2 CORE TEAMS – NORTHERN SECTOR & SOUTHERN SECTOR
- OST (SUBSTITUTE PRESCRIBING) SERVICE
- ALCOHOL DETOX NURSES – HOME/COMMUNITY/HOSPITAL
- SUBSTANCE MISUSE LIAISON NURSES – ACUTE HOSPITALS
- SUBSTANCE MISUSE LINK NURSES – MENTAL HEALTH HOSPITALS
- HIDDEN HARM WORKERS
- CBT/EMDR/PSYCHOLOGY
- COMPLEX DETOXIFICATION & STABILISATION UNIT - ASHA



# ACTIVITY

- REFERRALS TO CORE SERVICES – 9 WEEK IEAP WAITING TARGET
- THE SERVICE RECEIVES APPROXIMATELY 2500 REFERRALS PER YEAR
- THE COMMUNITY ADDICTION TEAM IN OMAGH CURRENTLY HAS 137 PATIENTS ACTIVELY RECEIVING TREATMENT
- THE COMMUNITY ADDICTION TEAM IN WOODLEA CURRENTLY HAS 314 PATIENTS ACTIVELY RECEIVING TREATMENT



# ACTIVITY

- HOME DETOX – 2019 657 contacts 2020 332 contacts \* 2021 173 contacts
- COMMUNITY DETOX - From April 2019 to March 2020 Ramona House provided 179 episodes of community detoxification
- From April 2019 to March 2020 Damian House provided 44 episodes of community detoxification
- ASHA - Between January 2019 and December 2020 Asha accommodated 150 admissions.
- OST – FROM APRIL 2020 TO MARCH 2021 119 SERVICE USERS WERE ASSESSED. 131 CURRENTLY ON OST CASELOADS



# DEVELOPMENT OF SERVICE

- ADDITION OF CONSULTANT PSYCHOLOGIST
- INCREASE IN OST NURSES (NON-MEDICAL PRESCRIBERS)
- DEVELOPMENT OF SERVICE MANAGER POST
- ADDITIONAL NURSING STAFF – ASHA
- DEVELOPMENT OF LINK NURSES – MENTAL HEALTH WARDS
- WORKING TOWARDS OPEN ACCESS



# CHALLENGES

- COVID – IMPACT/NEW WAYS OF WORKING
- COMPLEXITY – POLYSUBSTANCE USE
- DEMAND
- PUBLIC MESSAGING - HOLDING THE HOPE

