DCSDC Special Health & Community Committee

PHA Commissioned Alcohol & Drug Services
WHSCT Area
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New Substance Use Strategy
Making Life Better - Preventing Harm and Empowering Recovery: A Strategic Framework to Tackle the Harm from Substance Use
WDACT

- Western Drug & Alcohol Co-ordination Team
- WDACT is the strategic partnership in the West for addressing Alcohol and Drugs issues
- Membership is across statutory, voluntary and community sector and service users
PHA Commissioned Services

- Youth Treatment
- Hidden Harm Intensive Therapeutic Support Service
- YES (Youth Engagement Service)
- Targeted Prevention
- Adult Treatment
- Connections West
- Low Threshold Service
- Workforce Development

Also commissioned through Trust services:
- Substance Misuse Liaison Services
- DAMHS Within CAMHS
Youth Treatment

- Provide Step 2 services for children and young people 11-25.
- Ensure effective referral pathways are in place to allow children and young people to move between services.

Location: WHSCT Area
Target Group: Age 11-25 years
Provider: ASCERT
Hidden Harm- VOICES

Therapeutic Services for Children, Young People and Families Affected by Parental Substance Misuse

Location: WHSCT area
Target Group: Children Young People and families
Provider: Start 360
YES (Youth Engagement Service)

The service provides up to date objective information about personal health and wellbeing issues (including drugs and alcohol), choices, where to find help / advice and support to access services when they are needed.

Location: Enniskillen & Derry
Target group: Young people aged 11 – 25 years
Provider: Find Centre & Long Tower
Targeted Prevention

Development and delivery of age appropriate life skills/harm reduction programmes for young people.

Location: WHSCT Area
Target Group: Young People aged 11 – 17 years
Provider: ASCERT
Adult Treatment

- Provide Step 2 services for adults including extended brief interventions, and psychotherapeutic intervention.
- Ensure effective referral pathways are in place to allow adults to move between services.
- Service to be available to offenders through court mandated orders.

Location: WHSCT area
Target Group: Adults
Provider: ASCERT
Low Threshold Service

Provision of support, care, facilitation and harm reduction services for people who are misusing substances

Location: WHSCT area
Target Group: Adults
Provider: DePaul Ireland/SOLACE/First Housing
Connections (West)

- Support and develop initiatives in partnership with key agencies in the West;
- Build capacity for those working and volunteering in communities; Use local media and support regional campaigns;
- Support the Community Incident Protocol and the Drugs and Alcohol Monitoring and Information System (DAMIS).

Location: WHSCT Area
Target Group: All Ages
Provider: ASCERT
Workforce Development

Ensures front line workers across sectors are informed and competent and regarding alcohol and drug issues.

Location: Regional
Target Group: Adults aged 18 and over
Provider: ASCERT
Drug and Alcohol Mental Health Service (DAMHS);

This service provides step 3 treatment services for children and young people with drug and/or alcohol issues which are beyond the scope of community based services as a result of complex co-morbid mental health issues.

The service is based / integrated within each of the HSCT Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS)
Substance Misuse Liaison Services

Commissioned by both the PHA and HSCB this service is in place within acute hospitals in-patient settings (in particular, admission wards and Emergency Departments) across the 5 HSC Trusts.
Needle Syringe Exchange Scheme

This service, commissioned by HSCB on behalf of the PHA provides:

- Sterile injecting equipment,
- Safe disposal of used equipment, to people who inject drugs, including heroin.
- The service is currently primarily provided by 20 Community Pharmacy NSESs across Northern Ireland
Take Home Naloxone programme

- The programme provides life-saving medicine (naloxone) to people at risk of opioid overdose.
- This medicine is available to anyone who uses opioids, through their local Trust Addiction Services, Prison Service and Low Threshold Services.
Drug and Alcohol Monitoring and Information System (DAMIS)

DAMIS (facilitated and co-ordinated by the PHA) is an “early warning system” designed to find out about emerging trends in drug and alcohol misuse.
Website:

https://drugsandalcoholni.info
Thank You!

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