

**Minutes of the Scottish Association of Alcohol and Drug Action Teams
Held on Wednesday 10th January 2007
City Halls, Glasgow**

PRESENT

Mr Tom Wood	SAADAT Chairperson
Dr Maggie Watts	SAADAT Vice Chairperson (Alcohol)
Dr Brian Kidd	SAADAT Vice Chairperson (Drugs)
Stevie Lydon	Alcohol Co-ordinator, Greater Glasgow & Clyde AAT
Colin Sloey	Chairperson, Lanarkshire ADAT
Valerie Tallon	Co-ordinator, Lanarkshire ADAT
Douglas Carnegie	Co-ordinator, Greater Glasgow & Clyde DAT
Catriona Renfrew	Chairperson, Greater Glasgow AAT
Jane Hasler	Strategic Co-ordinator, Greater Glasgow & Clyde ADAT
Hilary Smith	Research & Development Officer, West Lothian DAT
Hannah Muldoon	Alcohol & Drugs Development Officer, East Lothian DAAT
Mike Massiaro-Mallinson	East Lothian DAAT - Representing David White
Grahame Cronkshaw	Drugs & Alcohol Strategy & Policy Manager, Aberdeenshire ADAT
Craig Stirrat	Aberdeen City JADAT
Susan Black	DADO, Borders DAAT
Julie Murray	Co-ordinator, Borders DAAT
Donald MacLeod	Chairperson, Western Isles ADSAT
Wendy Ingledew	ADO, Western Isles ADSAT
Christina Bichan	Co-ordinator, Orkney DASAT
Harry Garland	Chairperson, Orkney DASAT
Liam McLaughlin	DADO, Perth & Kinross DAAT
Ian Smillie	Co-ordinator, Perth & Kinross DAAT
Liz Coates	Co-ordinator, Midlothian DAAT
Jack Law	Chief Executive, Alcohol Focus Scotland
Eric Murch	Scottish Prison Service
Karen Norrie	Scottish Prison Service
Dr Peter Rice	Tayside Alcohol Problems Service – Representing SIGA
Joy Barlow	STRADA
Margaret Wallace	Addiction Development Officer, East Dunbartonshire
David Alston	Chairperson, Highland DAAT
David Liddell	Scottish Drugs Forum
Steven Dalton	Lead Officer, Dundee DAAT
Iain Turnbull	Development Manager, Angus DAAT
Lorna Wallace	Development Officer – Ayrshire & Arran ADAT
Sharon Flynn	Acting Co-ordinator – Ayrshire & Arran ADAT
Elaine Fetherston	Substance Misuse Development Officer – Highland DAAT
Elaine Lawlor	Forth Valley SAT – Co-ordinator
Helen Weir	Addiction Action Officer (Alcohol) - West Dunbartonshire Council
Fiona Campbell	Scottish Executive
Karen Jackson	Scottish Executive

IN ATTENDANCE

Barbara O'Donnell	National Alcohol Liaison Officer
Mike McCarron	National Drugs Liaison Officer
Kathleen Donnelly	PA to NALO (minutes)
Patricia Russell	Aberlour Child Care Trust
Kelly Bayes	Aberlour Child Care Trust
Karen McNee	Aberlour Child Care Trust

APOLOGIES

Catriona Oxley	DADO, Shetland DAAT
Janice Thomson	ADO, Argyll & Clyde ADAT
Joni McArthur	ADO, West Lothian DAT
David McGrouther	Chairperson, West Lothian DAT
Malcolm McEwan	Chairperson - Midlothian DAAT
Rita Keyte	Co-ordinator, Fife DAAT
Stephen Moore	Chairperson, Fife DAAT
David Strang	Chairperson, Dumfries & Galloway ADAT
Bill Lawrie	Chairperson – Fife DAAT
Deborah Smith	Head of Alcohol & Drugs Misuse, Scottish Executive
Fiona MacKenzie	Chairperson, Forth Valley SAT
David Burke	Chairperson, Perth & Kinross DAAT
Bill Nicoll	Vice Chairperson, Perth & Kinross DAAT
Sandy Riddell	Chairperson, Moray DAAT
Dr Andrew Riley	Chairperson, Borders DAAT
David White	Chairperson, East Lothian DAAT
Suzy Calder	Co-ordinator, Highland DAAT
Robert Peat	Chairperson, Angus DAAT
Maggie Murray	Action on Alcohol & Drugs in Edinburgh
Chris Denmark	Action on Alcohol & Drugs in Edinburgh
Brian Doughty	Chairperson – Shetland DAAT
George Howie	Health Improvement Programme Manager, Health Scotland
Stephen Pavis	NHS National Services Scotland
Patricia Scotland	Head of Safer Communities Division, Justice Dept, Scottish Executive

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<p>1. Welcome Tom Wood welcomed everyone to the meeting and in particular Patricia Russell and Kelly Bayes, both from Aberlour Child Care Trust.</p> <p>New members of the Association were also welcomed and invited to introduce themselves.</p> <p>Apologies Apologies were as listed above.</p> <p>Presentation / Launch of report The second ‘Think Tank’ event led by Aberlour Child Care Trust, has published its report ‘A Matter of Substance? Alcohol or Drugs: Does it make a difference to the Child?’ This report explores the differences between problem parental alcohol use and drug use and the impact on children.</p> <p>Kelly Bayes gave a brief talk on the history of Aberlour and provided the Association with an overview on the rationale behind both of the ‘Think Tank’ events. Kelly highlighted that the first Think Tank report on children living with parental substance use had been very well received and she thanked the Association for its continued support.</p> <p>Patricia Russell, in her presentation highlighted the ‘Think Tank’ process, and gave an overview of the key messages and conclusions that were identified from the event. (Presentation attached). After discussion it was agreed the conclusions and recommendations of the report offer a starting point for further consideration and future action,</p>	

therefore the next step is to ensure that it is disseminated widely. Patricia stated that the real challenge ahead is making sure that the report is acted upon at both national and local level and by a range of organisations. Aberlour plan to hold follow-on seminars to encourage further discussion of the key messages of the report.

It was agreed that SAADAT should identify and engage with appropriate organisations and individuals to ensure that the recommendations of the report recognised are acted upon.

It was also agreed that NDLO would meet with Aberlour to discuss options for the way forward.

Update on SWIA inspection – Grampian

A paper updating the Association on the recent pilot inspection of Substance Misuse Services in Grampian had been circulated with the agenda. A leaflet produced for staff on the inspection process was tabled.

Grahame Cronkshaw took the Association through the inspection process. He advised that the inspection covered a range of services provided by local authorities, the health service, and the voluntary sector. The pilot inspection did not include General Practice or residential services. He informed the Association that Grampian is currently at phase 4 of the process which includes the collation of all of the evidence collected and final draft inspection report. The initial feedback is due shortly, with the final report due to be published in June 2007.

A full discussion on the pilot took place. Joy Barlow, in her role as an Associate Inspector for the SWIA visit, asked that thanks be recorded to the co-ordinators for their hard work and support on this important piece of work.

The Association looks forward to receiving sight of the final report later this year.

2. Minutes of Last Meeting

Brian Kidd requested that item 13(i) on the minutes of the previous meeting held on 4th October 2006 be amended to read “should be completed within the next 6 months and available thereafter” instead of “would be available within the next 6 months”.

With this amendment the minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as a fair and accurate record.

Matters Arising:

- **SAADAT website**

NALO reported that the SAADAT website is now being progressed. NALO advised that it will be a basic and easily navigated site, which will include a section for local good practice initiatives. It is anticipated that the website will be up and running by the end of February.

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SAADAT Communications Strategy Tom Wood reported that this piece of work is ongoing, and highlighted that the next step is to speak to major key partnerships. Tom advised that a draft document will be circulated to members in due course for comments before the next Association meeting. 	Tom Wood
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SMACAP Dr Maggie Watts reported that SMACAP has not met and it is her understanding that consideration is being given to revamping the committee and revising the group’s membership. There has been no further contact between the Executive and SMACAP members for comments on revisions of the Update of the Plan for Action to report since the last SAADAT meeting. It is understood that the Update is with the Minister and may be launched before the May election. Protocol for Sharing Communication Resources A draft paper outlining the protocol for the sharing of communications resources was circulated with the agenda. Dr Watts advised that further discussion is required regarding legal liability and intellectual property rights. Tom requested that members submit any written comments on the protocol within a week. <p>3. ADAT Review Karen Jackson, Performance Management and Young Persons Team Leader at the Scottish Executive reported that the “stocktaking” exercise aimed at assessing the effectiveness and efficiency of ADATs began in October 2006, and informed the Association that by the end of 2006, 6 visits to action teams had taken place. It is anticipated that the fieldwork will be complete by end of January 2007. Karen advised that the final report will be published after the May election, when the new Parliament would take this forward.</p> <p>Wendy Ingledew, Western Isles ADSAT, commented that she felt overall it had been a very worthwhile process and she felt that it strengthened their action team.</p> <p>4. Substance Misuse and Mental Health Working Group - Update Dr Peter Rice informed the Association on the remit of this working group that was established to consider the recommendations of previous reports (& the Dundee research) ‘Mind the Gaps’ and ‘A Fuller Life’ into service provision for service users with co-occurring mental health and substance misuse problems.</p> <p>Dr Rice informed the Association that the main aim is to translate these recommendations into a series of practical measures to support improved service delivery. The group first met in August 2006 and will report to the Scottish Executive in April 2007. The work of this group will link nationally to the Mental Health Improvement Group and can be considered with the Mental Health Delivery Plan.</p>	

5. Scotland's Futures Forum/Royal Society of Arts Drugs Commission

A paper prepared by NDLO had been circulated with the agenda informing SAADAT members of the Association's support for Alcohol and Drug issues to be considered as a major topic during 2007 under the auspices of Scotland's Futures Forum (SFF), informed by the RSA Commission's report which is due to be published on 8th March 2007.

Financial sponsorship has been secured to support this work and NDLO agreed to identify the 5 major sponsors.

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NDLO highlighted that an event hosted by SFF together with SAADAT will be held on the 15th January at the Scottish Parliament which will mark the launch of a new, year-long study on alcohol and drug use in Scotland. This conference will set the stage for a new investigation, which seeks to establish a fresh political perspective on Scotland's approach to alcohol and drugs. More than 250 experts, including senior police figures, health experts and leading academics will attend.

6. SAADAT Events 2007

(i) FAS/FASD

Dr Watts outlined to the Association a proposal that SAADAT organise a conference on Foetal Alcohol Syndrome in Glasgow in October 2007.

The aim of the conference is to improve recognition of the harmful effects of alcohol on the foetus and to identify the range of management options. It will be a 2-day event targeting Paediatricians & the wider multi-disciplinary paediatric team and is being supported by the Scottish Paediatric Society. Professor Forrester Cockburn, formerly of Yorkhill Hospital has agreed to chair the conference and Professor Sterling Clarren from Canada is being invited as the keynote speaker. The second day will look at developing guidelines for diagnosis and Referral for clinicians.

More information on this event to follow in due course.

Dr Watts

(ii) Alcohol & Drug Prevention

Tom Wood asked those present to consider the proposal of a SAADAT conference. He expressed the view that many people were suffering from conference fatigue and did not want to add to this but considered that the topic of prevention (including education initiatives and encompassing the whole population) is an area where less attention has been paid. He suggested the idea of a master class format and asked members to bring forward topics for consideration, and to feedback on the appropriateness of prevention as the focus.

All Members

7. Alcohol & Workforce Development Strategy

A paper informing members about the Scottish Executive initiative and process (now led by Health Scotland) for creating and implementing a workforce development strategy was circulated with the agenda, along with a copy of the

Scottish Executive's draft outline process for development of staff working with alcohol and drugs issues in a variety of settings. NDLO informed members that Dr Brian Kidd is part of this project steering group and that a meeting will take place in February to discuss communication and the workplan. NDLO pointed out that the original planned timescales were unrealistic, therefore new timescales have been agreed and it is anticipated that a strategy can be developed by Autumn 2008 and process of implementation commenced by Spring 2009.

8. Review of Alcohol and Drug Education

As George Howie, Health Improvement Manager, NHS Health Scotland was unable to attend the meeting, NALO briefly updated the Association. NALO advised that there has been a change since the last report and she understood that Learning and Teaching Scotland will now lead on the review and not NHS Health Scotland as originally planned. This piece of work had originated in a SAAT subgroup and NALO was keen to ensure it was pursued vigorously.

This review is planned over a 5 year period and she urged SAADAT to consider education initiatives during this period.

9. SACDM - Update

A paper prepared by NDLO updating the Association on SACDM activity was circulated with the agenda. This paper was noted.

SACDM is due to meet on 24th January 2007.

10. National Treatment Guidelines Group Update

Dr Brian Kidd reported that the Health Department Guidelines on options for Care and Treatment (Orange UK Guidelines) are currently being updated. The new guidelines will include a review of psychological interventions.

11. Update on the Plan for Action on Alcohol Problems

This agenda item was covered under agenda item 2 – Matters Arising (SMACAP)

12. Information Sub-Group

(i) Update

A paper prepared by NALO updating the Association on this working group was circulated with the agenda. This paper was noted.

(ii) Research Seminar

NALO reported that the working group of the Information Sub-Group continues to progress the research seminar. The 1-day event will take place on the 26th April 2007 at the Radisson Hotel in Glasgow. The working title for the day is "Making Research and Evidence on Alcohol and Drugs Work for You!" and Professor John Davies, Strathclyde University has agreed to open the seminar

<p>with a keynote address. NALO advised that the programme has still to be finalised and will be circulated in due course. The event is open to all support staff and action team partners.</p>	<p>NALO</p>
<p>13. Capacity of Services Sub-Group – Prevalence Study Dr Watts reported that since the last Association meeting in October 2006, an amended version of the draft research specification proposal was re-submitted to the Scottish Executive in December 2006 for consideration. Following agreement on funding, the project will be put out for tender, hopefully by the end of the financial year.</p>	<p>Dr Watts</p>
<p>14. AOB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NDLO informed members that the next Support Officers Development Day scheduled to take place on the 15th February has now been postponed until March 2007. A date has yet to be finalised , however it is hoped that this will now take place on the 29th March. Further details will follow in due course. • Elaine Fetherston, Highland DAAT, announced that SMART Recovery are currently in the process of arranging two conferences which will take place in May 2007. More details on this to follow. • Julie Murray, Borders DAAT informed the Association on work she has recently completed on alcohol and people with learning disabilities. She agreed to share her findings with interested parties. • Iain Turnbull, Angus DAAT asked about the STRADA contract that went out for tender last year. Karen Jackson agreed to speak with education colleagues and obtain more information on this and feed back to the group. 	<p>NDLO</p>
<p>Post meeting note: Karen Jackson has since reported that an advert was placed in Care Appointments and on the Scottish Executive website on 15th November 2006. Expressions of interest were requested by 8th December and application packs were to be returned by 12th January 2007. Karen advised that this was an extended deadline to allow for the Christmas and New Year period. All applications are to be assessed by members of an evaluation panel drawn from key interests across the Executive, including social work policy and training, health, justice, SWIA and the prison service.</p> <p>In light of timing of the tendering process, Ministers have agreed to ensure continuity of training provision to extend STRADA's contract until 30th September 2007.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joy Barlow, STRADA advised the meeting of the recent establishment of a new organisation called the UK Commission on Drugs Policy. This group will be led by a number of leading academics, and its remit is to provide a watching brief on the development of drugs policy in the UK. • Tom Wood announced that this would be Barbara O'Donnell's last meeting of SAADAT as she will be moving on to pastures new. Tom thanked Barbara for all her hard work and commitment to the Association, he then wished her well for the future. 	

Dates of Meetings for 2007

The next Association meeting will take place on Wednesday 9th May 2007 at the Thistle Hotel , 107 Leith Street, Edinburgh.

Post meeting note: It had been suggested at the meeting that the next Association meeting take place in Perth. Members have however voiced their concerns on the difficulties of travelling to Perth, and suggested that future meetings be held either in Glasgow or Edinburgh.

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