

Cardiff and Vale APB Substance Misuse and Wellbeing Commissioning Strategy 2016/20 consultation

Introduction

The strategy is out for consultation until the 17 June and is available at:
<http://cardiffandvaleapb.org/download/Substance-Misuse-and-Wellbeing-Commissioning-Strategy-2016-20-FINAL-Without-Annexes.pdf>

A response to the consultation is due to be submitted on behalf of the Cardiff Health and Social Care Network by the deadline by the Health and Social Care Facilitator.

A large part of the document (up to page 19) provides updated data and statistics and information on the changing legislative and policy landscape. The following which are included later in the document have been selected for discussion at the Network meeting.

Involving service users, carers and significant concerned others

The need for a more structured and tiered approach to user involvement is proposed to offer a clearer path for those wanting to contribute to how services are commissioned and managed.

“...the APB will establish a tiered Bronze, Silver and Gold set of training and development standards for service users that will increase their knowledge and skills in supporting the APB work programme, and that will facilitate greater involvement in activity such as financial decision making, and commissioning decisions.” (page 52)

Outcomes based commissioning

“The APB will adopt an outcomes based commissioning policy for all future commissioning activity that will move away from specifying services, to stating the key outcomes that must be achieved through proposed service solutions.” (page 53)

Commissioning Actions

These are provided in more detail from page 30 to 51 in the document.

1. Reduce and mitigate the impacts of substance use on families
2. Develop aspiration, self-esteem and motivation in young people, as tools to increase resilience to substance use
3. Increase the numbers of service users in treatment able to move into aftercare and long term recovery
4. To re-engage those who disengage from treatment and support

5. Increase the extent to which primary care services can identify and respond to substance use and misuse
6. Increase the capacity of those in recovery to source, and self-sustain their own personal recovery support needs, making full use of the resources that the communities across the region can offer to support those in recovery
7. Improve wellbeing and job satisfaction across the substance misuse workforce
8. Ensure that services provide an individualised and tailored response to peoples' needs
9. Lead on research and development to enhance the evidence base on which services operate, and encourage innovation in how services are designed and delivered, with service users at the centre of that design process.
10. Enhance services such as education, employment and housing that protect the outcomes achieved through substance misuse interventions.
11. Respond to the increasing demands resulting from a growing population across Cardiff and the Vale

In addition, the following priority areas remain relevant from the previous strategy:

12. Build sustainability into improvements made against the national waiting times target
13. Decrease alcohol related hospital admissions
14. Secure a decreasing trend in annual rates of drug related deaths, and non-fatal overdose.
15. Ensure the capacity of services to meet the needs of those with protected characteristics