



National Treatment Agency for Substance Misuse

Adult drug treatment plan 2009/10

Reporting local progress against commitments in the National Drug Strategy¹

Publication date: February 2009

The NTA published guidance in October 2008 regarding the submission of adult drug treatment plans for 2009/10 under DH Gateway reference 10517. As part of the draft submission in January 2009 partnerships were requested to set out their local priorities to deliver commitments from the National Drug Strategy as listed below:

- Improving planned completion rates for everyone in the drug treatment system
- Improving the numbers of individuals in employment during or upon leaving treatment
- Better access to treatment for traditionally under-served groups – for example BME clients and clients who have dependent children
- Better access to treatment for crack users
- Improving levels of effective engagement for crack clients, criminal justice clients and those under 25, BME clients and parents.
- Improving housing status for individuals during or upon leaving treatment

The NTA has provided all partnerships with data to assist in setting local priorities and an updated data set covering the period October 2007 – September 2008 is provided with this additional guidance.

It is important to note that the NTA does not necessarily anticipate that improvement will occur in all of these measures in all partnership areas. The NTA will, in any event, provide partnerships with NDTMS data on all the above National Drug Strategy priorities as a matter of course plus quarterly updates based on NDTMS returns, to assist with their continuing needs assessment and to give oversight of the data quality.

Partnerships do not have to collect any additional data in 2009/10 for reporting purposes although many will need to attend to issues of data accuracy and completeness for there to be confidence in any reported change.

¹ Drugs: protecting families and communities. The 2008 drug strategy. First Edition February 2008.
<http://drugs.homeoffice.gov.uk/publication/search/drug-strategy/drug-strategy-2008-2018>

Final plans for 2009/10 are due to be submitted to the NTA by no later than 20 March 2009. We are issuing a revised section 3 of the Part 2, appended, that as well as collecting information from partnerships as to which of the drug strategy commitments are identified via the needs assessment as local priorities for 2009/10, adds two columns asking partnerships to indicate those commitments against which they assess there is a sound baseline and, in those instances, the level of % change or ambition the partnership is seeking at a local level.

For 2009/10 current information suggests that local priorities relating to improved access, effective engagement and treatment completions have sound partnership, regional and national baselines, from which the partnership is able to determine the level of ambition it would wish to achieve in percentage terms. In the main data is generally completed to a good level other than that related to parents or clients with children residing with them where data is more variable in completeness. Where a partnership takes the view that their local data is not accurate or sufficiently complete to be relied upon as a baseline, then this will be a factor they will wish to take into account when setting local priorities.

In relation to commitments in relation to employment and housing, it is unlikely that the majority of partnerships will have adequate baselines in place for 2009/10 as this information is to be collected via TOP reporting. For 2009/10 it is therefore proposed that percentage change will be reported to partnerships (as in the accompanying data set) which will allow for more robust ambition setting for 2010/11. This is reflected in the format of the revised ADTP Part 2 appended.

Final baseline data for 2008/09 will be available to partnerships in August 2009.

Question	Answer
What is the document?	Adult drug treatment plan 2009/10. Additional guidance notes on completion of the plan for drug partnerships
What is its purpose?	Advice to drug partnerships on preparing an annual plan in relation to the provision of adult drug treatment
Publisher and date	Initial guidance: NTA, October 2008 Additional guidance: February 2009
Who is it addressing? How big/wide is the audience?	Joint commissioning managers in drug partnership areas Strategic members of drug partnership boards in each local authority and primary care trust (PCT) area Stakeholders who want information about the planning process for drug treatment at a local level
What is it asking them to do?	Take local action to provide the regional NTA and regional strategic partners with a delivery plan for 2009/10 – providing advice on possible format and content of the plan
What is the business reason?	To ensure that pooled treatment budget (PTB) funding is utilised as intended by the Department of Health (DH)
What if anything does this update, replace or complement?	Updates publication in October 2008 – DH Gateway 10517
Disclaimer if possible	This document imposes no new demands or requirements on anyone working in the drug treatment field, but is intended to help commissioners and strategic drug partnerships to meet Drug strategy commitments by providing the latest information and highlighting good practice.
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Revised Part 2: Local partnership priorities for effective engagement of drug users in treatment

1. Drug users in effective treatment

	2007/08 Baseline	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11
Problem drug users (crack and/or opiate users) recorded as being in effective drug treatment	1711	1728	1745	1763

	2007/08 Baseline	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11
All adult drug users recorded as being in effective treatment	1926	1945	1964	1973

2. Additional partnership information – primary care

Primary Care Trust (PCT)	Gloucestershire			
Number of primary care practices in PCT area covered by partnership				84
	2008/09		2009/10	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
Practices who are delivering primary care-based treatment within a commissioned service model	15	7.8%	Target still to be negotiated <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

3. Local drug partnership priorities linked to drug strategy delivery

Where the partnership has identified key priorities in Part 1 in the following areas please indicate with a tick (✓) in the list below

Access	Partnership priority for 09/10 (✓)	Satisfactory baseline (✓)	% change sought as local priority
Improved access to treatment – crack			
Improved access to treatment – BME			
Improved access to treatment – parents	✓	The data recording has not been robust and will be a priority for improvement allowing target setting in 2010/11	

Effective engagement of new clients	Partnership priority for 09/10 (✓)	Satisfactory baseline (✓)	% change sought as local priority
Improved engagement – crack			
Improved engagement – BME	✓	✓	2%
Improved engagement – parents	✓	✓	1%
Improved engagement – criminal justice			
Improved engagement – under 25s	✓	✓	1%

Treatment exits	Partnership priority for 09/10 (✓)	Satisfactory baseline (✓)	% change sought as local priority
Improved successful treatment exits- all clients	✓	✓	1% to achieve parity with national average
Improved successful treatment exits- crack			
Improved successful treatment exits- BME			
Improved successful treatment exits- parents			
Improved successful treatment exits- criminal justice			
Improved successful treatment exits-			

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exits- Under 25s			
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Employment	Partnership priority for 09/10
Improved employment outcomes for individuals in treatment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Housing	Partnership priority for 09/10
Improved housing status – all clients	