



## **Alcohol and Drug Commissioning Framework for Northern Ireland 2013-16**

**Consultation Questionnaire.**

This questionnaire has been designed to help stakeholders respond to the above framework.

Written responses are welcome either using this questionnaire template or in an alternative format which best suits your comments.

Please respond to the consultation document by post or e-mail to

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**YOUR RESPONSE MUST BE RECEIVED BY 11<sup>th</sup> April**

*(Please tick the relevant boxes)*

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## CONSULTATION QUESTIONS

1. Do you agree with the approach being proposed by the PHA/HSCB in the development of a Drug and Alcohol Commissioning Framework for Northern Ireland as outlined in section 3 of this document?

Yes/No

Comments: Yes – PBNI agree with the HSCB/PHA approach and support the need to reform and modernise current service provision. PBNI welcome the core principles of partnership working, care pathways and the involvement of service user and carer involvement in new commissioned services to be delivered across Northern Ireland and within Criminal Justice (CJ) system.

PBNI would also welcome a greater emphasis from the outset on the potential impact of the new framework on community safety and in particular anti-social behaviour and offending generally.

### SECTION ONE: CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE AND FAMILIES

#### Drugs and Alcohol

##### 7.1 Education and Prevention

2. Do you agree with the commissioning priorities as laid out in this section?

Yes/No

Comments: Yes – PBNI agree with these structures and support the early intervention initiatives outlined. This needs to extend to community based justice agencies and include families and carers of those involved in the CJ System.

3. Do you agree with the Service Aims and Role and Functions outlined in this section?

Yes/No

Comments: Yes – PBNI agree with the service aims and roles and findings to include families and carers.

4. Do you agree with the outcomes listed in this section

Yes/No

Comments: Yes – PBNI support these outcomes and suggest a further outcome to be a reduction in the numbers of young people who engage in substance related offending.

Outcomes should reflect a decrease in anti-social behaviour and reoffending. This should be a high priority. Anti-social behaviour is a high priority in PCSPs. Cross reference should be made to the Youth Justice Review – alcohol and drug misuse.

## **7.9 Early Intervention and Treatment**

Early intervention

5. Do you agree with the commissioning priorities as laid out in this section?

Yes/No

Comments: Yes – PBNI support and agree with these commissioning priorities and encourage the joint integrated approach to ensure prevention, early identification and effective service delivery is targeted at this client group and within this wider vulnerable group including young people who are involved in the Criminal Justice System. e.g. – Youth Engagement Project etc.

6. Do you agree with the Service Aims and Role and Functions outlined in this section?

Yes/No

Comments: Yes – PBNI support a specialist youth treatment team that can work across agencies (including CJ) to provide effective evidence based interventions across NI to this client group.

7. Do you agree with the outcomes listed in this section?

Yes/No

Comments: Yes – PBNI agree with these outcomes and support the consistent application of appropriate assessment tools by trained staff to work with this client group at every stage of the care pathway.

### Young people's treatment services including CAMHS

8. Do you agree with the commissioning priorities as laid out in this section?

Yes/No

Comments: Yes – PBNI support the enhanced integration between CAMHs and substance misuse services. This model supports point 6, ensures integration of target services for this client group are delivered.

We support the emphasis on justice at 7.15.4 and recommend the use of mentoring support.

9. Do you agree with the Service Aims and Role and Functions outlined in this section?

Yes/No

Comments: Yes – PBNI support the need for regional CAMHs services to be integrated with substance misuse services targeted at young people with clear pathways of care and service user/carer involvement.

PBNI would like to see greater reference the use of mentoring services.

10. Do you agree with the outcomes listed in this section?

Yes/No

Comments: Yes -

## **7.21 Hidden Harm**

### Early Intervention

11. Do you agree with the commissioning priorities as laid out in this section?

Yes/No

Comments: Yes – PBNI agree and recognise the importance of child protection issues in developing services for parental service users. Joint initiatives therefore between adult addiction services and children’s services are critical if protection of the child is to remain paramount.

12. Do you agree with the Service Aims and Role and Functions outlined in this section?

Yes/No

Comments: Yes – PBNI believe that the multi-agency approach is critical in ensuring the appropriate services provide the most effective services in reducing risk to the unborn child and children living with parental substance misuse.

13. Do you agree with the outcomes listed in this section?

Yes/No

Comments: Yes – Safeguarding and protecting the welfare of children and young people remain a priority for criminal justice and therefore PBNI support improved outcomes for children of parental substance misuse.

PBNI suggest the inclusion of domestic violence as a hidden harm.

### Treatment and Support

14. Do you agree with the commissioning priorities as laid out in this section?

Yes/No

Comments: Yes – PBNI agree with these commissioning priorities and stress again the need for joined up multi-agency treatment and support services for this vulnerable group.

15. Do you agree with the Service Aims and Role and Functions outlined in this section?

Yes/No

Comments: Yes - PBNI support the roles and functions and promote the need for wider financial support to this client group.

16. Do you agree with the outcomes listed in this section?

Yes/No

Comments: Yes – and to include parental substance misuse of young people who come into contact of the CJS.

## SECTION TWO: ADULTS AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC

### 8.1 Education and Prevention

17. Do you agree with the commissioning priorities as laid out in this section?

Yes/No

Comments: Yes – but highlight the need for health and Criminal Justice to work together in commissioning appropriate tiered services within CJ and health.

PBNI are supportive of the aims articulated in Para 8.2.1

Para 8.3.1 Police and Community Safety Partnerships PCSP's has identified and are prioritising alcohol and drugs as a major issue.

18. Do you agree with the Service Aims and Role and Functions outlined in this section?

Yes/No

Comments: Yes PBNI are supportive

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19. Do you agree with the outcomes listed in this section?

Yes/No

Comments: Supportive of the outcomes, however we feel that greater recognition should be given to those who are resistant to engaging and therefore more work is needed in raising awareness and managing motivation

### 8.4 Early Intervention Services

20. Do you agree with the commissioning priorities as laid out in this section?

Yes/No

Comments: Yes PBNI support this important work. PBNI is clear that the development of brief interventions is of vital importance in cost effectively addressing substance misuse.



21. Do you agree with the Service Aims and Role and Functions outlined in this section?

Yes/No

Comments: Community Safety needs to be reflected throughout the document. In PBNI's context, 73% of its statutory caseload with approx 4,600 offenders have substance misuse as a major lifestyle issue with ensuing offending related and victim issues. This figure is highly significant because if appropriately addressed, has disproportionate impact on a critical social issue. PBNI is already committed to a brief interventions approach in its practice and would like to know more about use of brief interventions in other spheres to ensure a joined up approach is being used.

Whilst Probation delivers services as described in Para 8.7.1 we want to work in partnership across health and other bodies in a similar way to the Community Forensic Mental Health model. PBNI has been delivering brief interventions for many years and would like to understand more about its use by other agencies and to explore how this can be appropriately shared in future delivery.

PBNI welcome more resources to support in the delivery of interventions.

22. Do you agree with the outcomes listed in this section

Yes/No

Comments: Yes generally supportive

### **8.11 Substance Misuse Liaison Services**

23. Do you agree with the commissioning priorities as laid out in this section?

Yes/No

Comments: Yes, generally supportive however we would welcome a greater emphasis on community safety.

24. Do you agree with the Service Aims and Role and Functions outlined in this section?

Yes/No

Yes, generally supportive

25. Do you agree with the outcomes listed in this section?

Yes/No

Comments: Yes, generally supportive

**8.20 Low Threshold Services**

26. Do you agree with the commissioning priorities as laid out in this section?

Yes/No

Comments: As before.

27. Do you agree with the Service Aims and Role and Functions outlined in this section?

Yes

Comments: As above

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28. Do you agree with the outcomes listed in this section?

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**8.28 Community Based Treatment and Support**

29. Do you agree with the commissioning priorities as laid out in this section?

Yes/No

Comments: Yes – PBNI agree with these commissioning priorities and in particular that interventions are available for and target those within the CJS in NI.

30. Do you agree with the Service Aims and Role and Functions outlined in this section?

Yes/No

Comments: Again agree but would highlight the importance of access to all including those in CJS.

31. Do you agree with the outcomes listed in this section?

Yes/No

Comments: Yes – and include reduction in further offending and anti-social behaviour.

**8.41 Inpatient and Residential Rehabilitation Provision**

32. Do you agree with the commissioning priorities as laid out in this section?

Yes/No

Comments: Appropriate care pathways to residential provision within NI must include CJ in partnership with primary care services throughout NI. Clarity about and ease of referral access within this process will be important.

33. Do you agree with the Service Aims and Role and Functions outlined in this section?

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34. Do you agree with the outcomes listed in this section?

Yes/No

Comments: Yes – as before CJ outcomes.

## SECTION THREE: CAPACITY

### 9.1 Service User and Family Involvement

36. Do you agree with the commissioning priorities as laid out in this section?

Yes/No

Comments: Yes – a regional model for service users and carers must ensure all agencies are involved in the effective engagement of carers and service users in planning for drug and alcohol services.

9.7.1 – include Probation Board for NI.

37. Do you agree with the Service Aims and Role and Functions outlined in this section?

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38. Do you agree with the outcomes listed in this section

Yes

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### 9.7 Workforce Development

The workforce development commissioning priorities are designed to ensure that those working in the field of alcohol and drugs as commissioned by PHS/HSCB are competent and confident to deliver all aspects of this work commensurate with their role and function.

39. Do you agree with the commissioning priorities as laid out in this section?

Yes

Comments:

9.7.1 – include ‘Probation Service’.

9.7.8 – Motivational training – While PBNI is not an addiction service we would welcome more information on the impact that this will have on PBNI. PBNI welcomes the opportunity for its staff working in this field to receive ‘an agreed level of training in Motivational Interviewing and Relapse Management’ through the PHA.

40. Do you agree with the Service Aims and Role and Functions outlined in this section?

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41. Do you agree with the outcomes listed in this section

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42. Do you agree with the findings of the Equality, Good Relations and Human Rights Template that accompanied this document

No Comment

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43. Are there any priorities for commissioning that are not reflected in this framework?

Yes/No

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### FURTHER COMMENTS

44. Please use the space below to inform us of any additional comments you wish to make in relation to the Drug and Alcohol commissioning framework.

PBNI would wish to raise the issue of PBNI's long-standing work on substance misuse within the tiered approach. PBNI would welcome a realignment of funding to recognise and support PBNI work in this area and that appropriate care pathways include CJ access.

PBNI – welcome working as part of DACTs on the commissioning of Services.

PBNI works inclusively with offenders and expects equal access to core services as citizens first. PBNI welcomes the exploration and development of partnership arrangements to ensure that care pathways are available equally to those within the Criminal Justice System.