



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 11th April

(Please the relevant tick 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

Comments: TIPSA are particularly encouraged with the emphasis on local delivery backed up with evidence based practice.

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

Comments: TIPSA agree that a universal approach will be more effective in targeting health inequalities. Education for young people is proved to be more effective when it doesn't concentrate on just alcohol and drugs – it needs to be encompassed in with other topics and be more skills based and again based within communities rather than parachuted in from other areas.

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

Yes

Comments: TIPSA will view with interest how the challenge of the roll out will be addressed.

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

Yes

Comments: All outcomes are positive.

7.9 Early Intervention and Treatment

Early intervention

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

Yes

Comments: We feel that early intervention also fits well under the education & prevention section.

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

Yes

Comments: TIPSA is a keen supporter of the work of the Family Support Hubs and feel it is important that they are a key part of service delivery.

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

Yes

Comments: We feel that these outcomes must be supported by clear care pathways and it must be accessible.

Young people's treatment services including CAMHS

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

Yes

Comments: _____

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

Yes

Comments: _____

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

Yes

Comments: _____

7.21 Hidden Harm

Early Intervention

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

Yes

Comments: _____

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

Yes

Comments: _____

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

Yes

Comments: _____

Treatment and Support

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

Yes

Comments: _____

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

Yes

Comments: _____

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

Yes

Comments: _____

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

Comments: TIPSA is largely supportive of legislation however reserve the right to view it in the context of the impact on clients . The emphasis on community based initiatives is again welcomed.

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

Yes

Comments: _____

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

Yes

Comments: _____

8.4 Early Intervention Services

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

Yes

Comments: _____

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

Yes

Comments: _____

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

Yes

Comments: _____

8.11 Substance Misuse Liaison Services

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

Yes

Comments: _____

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

Yes

Comments: _____

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

Yes

Comments: _____

8.20 Low Threshold Services

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

Yes

Comments: We agree with the priorities in this section and feel there is a great need for more outreach workers.

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

Yes

Comments: _____

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

Yes

Comments: _____

8.28 Community Based Treatment and Support

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

Yes

Comments: _____

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

Yes

Comments: There is a greater need for more in patient detox beds within the Northern area. With the increase in homelessness and the increase in dual diagnosis this is an area of need.

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

Yes

Comments: _____

8.41 Inpatient and Residential Rehabilitation Provision

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

Yes

Comments:

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

Yes

Comments: _____

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

Yes

Comments: _____

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

Comments: We feel the role of service users needs to be looked at carefully as they are there as a support mechanism for themselves and others. Care needs to be taken that service users are not merely a tokenistic presence.

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

Yes

Comments:

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

Yes

Comments: We feel consideration must be given to the role & function of the service user with their input carefully balanced alongside that of professionals, with neither being outweighed by the other.

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: We feel it is important that those working in the field can demonstrate competencies (particularly in relation to DANOS) so that the completion of a simple, basic one day drugs awareness course on its own is not seen as a sufficient qualification to work on the field.

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

Yes

Comments: _____

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

Yes

Comments: _____

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

Yes

Comments: _____

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

Yes

Comments:.

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.

Overall, TIPSA views this as a positive document that sets out the needs of service provision in the local area. Again the emphasis on community based work is to be welcomed since research and experience of the project have shown this to be vital, particularly from the prevention and community service point of view. The challenge will be in funding the required work and the process of procurement that will have to follow this framework, and how the wide service specifications will be combined to allow community based projects to apply to continue the successful work we have been doing. To implement this framework in full it will cost money, and it remains to be seen if the document is underpinned by the finances to make it work in reality rather than as an aspiration.