



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 tick 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/~~No~~

Comments: Consistency of provision of evidence-based services across all five HSCT areas will be of great benefit to service users.

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: Evidence-based parenting skills and family based programmes will be helpful, alongside appropriate training for professionals working with parents or carers. Life skills training for young people should be available in a range of youth and community contexts, outside the formal education system.

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

Yes/~~No~~

Comments:

[Training for health and caring professionals on how to support parents/carers to improve communication with teenagers would be essential](#)

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

Yes/~~No~~

Comments:

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:

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

Yes/~~No~~

Comments: _____

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

Yes/~~No~~

Comments: _____

Young people's treatment services including CAMHS

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

Yes/~~No~~

Comments: _____

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

Yes/~~No~~

Comments: _____

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

Yes/~~No~~

Comments: _____

7.21 Hidden Harm

Early Intervention

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

Yes/~~No~~

Comments: _____

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

Yes/~~No~~

Comments: _____

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

Yes/~~No~~

Comments: _____

Treatment and Support

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

Yes/~~No~~

Comments: _____

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

Yes/~~No~~

Comments: _____

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

Yes/~~No~~

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/~~No~~

Comments: Consideration should be given to also increasing education and prevention initiatives on mental health awareness and issues as there is a close correlation between mental health and use/misuse of drugs and alcohol

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

Yes/~~No~~

Comments: _____

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

Yes/~~No~~

Comments: development of related mental health education, prevention and support services will assist in achieving outcomes.

8.4 Early Intervention Services

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

Yes/~~No~~

Comments: Early intervention essential. Most young people and adults are drinking unhealthily or using drugs for a reason. Usually there are issues affecting the quality of their lives which can result in a form of "self medication" through misuse of drug and alcohol. Responding to their root issues are essential in combating misuse of drugs and alcohol for both young people and adults.

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

Yes/~~No~~

Comments: _____

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

Yes/~~No~~

Comments: _____

8.11 Substance Misuse Liaison Services

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

Yes/~~No~~

Comments: _____

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

| Yes/~~No~~

Comments: _____

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

| Yes/~~No~~

Comments: _____

8.20 Low Threshold Services

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

| Yes/~~No~~

Comments: _____

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

Yes/~~No~~

Comments: _____

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

Yes/~~No~~

Comments: _____

8.28 Community Based Treatment and Support

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

Yes/~~No~~

Comments: _____

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

Yes/~~No~~

Comments: _____

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

Yes/~~No~~

Comments: _____

8.41 Inpatient and Residential Rehabilitation Provision

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

Yes/~~No~~

Comments: _____

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

Yes/~~No~~

Comments: _____

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

Yes/~~No~~

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/~~No~~

Comments: Listening to users and providing uncomplicated ways for them to be involved in development of services is essential. Users input will assist the services to be addressing the real issues as experienced by the users, connecting with users at their point of need, understanding their reality.

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

Yes/~~No~~

Comments: _____

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

Yes/~~No~~

Comments: _____

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/~~No~~

Comments: _____

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

Yes/~~No~~

Comments: _____

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

Yes/~~No~~

Comments: _____

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

Yes/~~No~~

Comments: _____

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

Yes/No

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.

Research evidence supports programmes which are interactive and multisession, where service users are engaged in small groups, facilitated by trained and qualified community educators. Programmes should be accredited with defined learning outcomes and methods of assessing learning experience as evidence of effectiveness.

There must be an integrated approach which also addresses mental health and wellbeing, as there is a direct link between alcohol and substance misuse and the mental health and emotional wellbeing of users and those most at risk.

There also needs to be consideration given to programmes addressing sexual health issues as users are also sexual beings who will often be involved in more risking sexual activity when they are under the influence of drugs and/or alcohol. This brings with it increased risk of STIs, HIV and Unplanned Pregnancy.

