

Partnership name

**Blackpool Community and Safety Drugs Partnership**

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**Adult drug treatment plan 2006/07**

Part 2: Self-assessment checklist

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## Introduction

Please refer to the corresponding guidance notes *Adult drug treatment planning 2006/07: Guidance notes on completion of the plan for strategic partnerships* available on [www.nta.nhs.uk](http://www.nta.nhs.uk) when completing this checklist.

## Drug system management

The major focus of the NTA's treatment effectiveness strategy (2005-08) is on service providers. Parallel developments need to take place to further improve the management of local treatment systems.

### Commissioning a local drug treatment system

This self assessment system recognises that drug treatment systems are complex and require appropriate management and support. The standards included in this self-assessment section are taken from the consultation version of *Models of care update 2005*.

Assessment of services, provision and standards	R/A/G	Planning grid ref
Commissioning mechanisms have formal strategic partnerships with key stakeholders including health, social care, criminal justice, housing and employment services, drug treatment providers and local drug users and carers	GREEN	
Annual needs assessments are conducted in line with nationally agreed methodology to profile the diversity of local need for drug treatment which includes rates of morbidity and mortality, the degree of treatment saturation or penetration, and the impact of treatment on individual health, public health and crime	AMBER	
Partnership has, as a result of the needs assessment, a clear understanding of the extent to which services at all tiers meet the different needs of diverse communities and gaps in service provision, and actions to address any gaps within the roll out of the treatment effectiveness strategy are detailed across all planning grids	AMBER	
Drug treatment plan is in line with <i>Models of care update 2005</i> with focus on reducing harm to individuals and communities and improving clients' journeys through treatment and predicting client flow through local treatment systems and improving the effectiveness of local drug treatment systems	AMBER	
Partnerships demonstrate best practice in handling public money, contracting with providers and performance monitoring of service level agreements	GREEN	
Partnerships ensure performance management on key performance indicators is in line with all partnership organisations requirements and plans	GREEN	
Commissioning functions are "fit for purpose" and have involvement from key stakeholders at an appropriate level of seniority to deliver a strategic response	GREEN	
Commissioning mechanisms have formal arrangements with local drug user groups to enable consultation and involvement in the planning, commissioning and review of the local drug treatment system	GREEN	
Commissioning mechanisms have formal arrangements with service providers to enable consultation and involvement in the planning, commissioning and review of the local drug treatment system	GREEN	
Local protocols are in place between drug treatment system strategic partnership and key health, social care and criminal justice agencies including housing, employment and primary care which support the treatment stabilisation and resettlement agendas	AMBER	

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### Information systems

At local partnership level an assessment should be made as to the effectiveness of local IT and reporting arrangements which will support national developments. Additional guidance on the self assessment is included in the treatment plan guidance on the NTA website.

Assessment of services, provision and standards	R/A/G	Planning grid ref
Compliance with NDTMS monthly returns by tier 3 and 4 treatment providers in line with service level agreements	GREEN	
Compliance with NDTMS core data set requirements in terms of data quality	GREEN	
Data sharing protocols	GREEN	
Appropriateness (or adequacy) of IT systems in treatment provider services to provide regular and accurate supply of data to NDTMS and commissioners	GREEN	
Investment plans for the purchase/development of new/enhanced IT systems to meet clinical needs of providers and NDTMS needs	GREEN	

### Workforce development

The required expansion and improvement of the treatment sector cannot be achieved without significant expansion in the workforce, and a step change in the training and professional development of these employees. Additional guidance on the self assessment is included in the treatment plan guidance on the NTA website

Assessment of services, provision and standards	R/A/G	Planning grid ref
Partnership workforce strategy (see workforce development guidance for details of workforce strategy requirements)	AMBER	
Provider services progress towards creating a supportive learning environment which includes plans for work based assessment of competence and numbers registered for awards	AMBER	
Service level agreements specify required workforce activities including induction, individual training plans, appraisal, supervision, CPD (continued professional development), and NVQ3 in Health and Social Care with all provider services job descriptions, person specifications and recruitment processes expressed in line with DANOS and other relevant national occupational standards, together with funding for training and development of staff and managers	GREEN	

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### User involvement in drug treatment system

The involvement of users in the design of the local treatment system and their involvement throughout the implementation, monitoring, review and evaluation processes and the development of advocacy services is an essential element of developing effective drug treatment systems. Additional guidance on the self assessment is included in the treatment plan guidance on the NTA website

Assessment of services, provision and standards	R/A/G	Planning grid ref
Service users who are representative of the diverse communities within the partnership area, are involved in needs assessment, setting partnership plan priorities and are consulted on plan at draft stage and throughout the process with evidence that the involvement has resulted in action at partnership and provider level	GREEN	
Partnership service user involvement strategy which includes current, ex and potential service users	GREEN	
Resources and investment including user involvement expenses and remuneration arrangements, child care and transport costs; grant aid/funding to local user groups	GREEN	
Network of advocacy and support services aimed at drug users which involves, where appropriate, PALS (NHS), local authority and independent sector	AMBER	
Service level agreements require services to: display a service user charter, include user consultation in service reviews, and promote access to advocacy for users	GREEN	

### Carer involvement in drug treatment system

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Carers who are representative of the diverse communities within the partnership area, are involved in needs assessment, setting partnership plan priorities and consulted on plan at draft stage and throughout the process with evidence that the involvement has resulted in action at partnership and provider level	GREEN	
Resources and investment for carer involvement covering appropriate remuneration, expenses and organisational costs	AMBER	
Service level agreements include a requirement for services to include carer consultation in service reviews	AMBER	

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## Drug treatment system delivery

### Harm reduction strategy

Effective harm reduction requires a strategy that spans partner agencies and is delivered at all tiers of the treatment system. This year additional guidance and a harm reduction self-audit toolkit have been developed to define and facilitate the development of such a strategy where it does not already exist (see [www.nta.nhs.uk](http://www.nta.nhs.uk) for details).

Assessment of services, provision and standards	R/A/G	Planning grid ref
Partnership harm reduction self-audit completed (or equivalent agreed with NTA regional office)	AMBER	TY
Partnership harm reduction strategy agreed and delivered across the drug treatment system which covers policies, programmes, services and actions to reduce the health, social and economic harms to individuals, communities and society that are associated with the use of drugs	AMBER	TY
<b>Blood-borne virus control (BBV)</b>		
Multi-agency strategy for BBV control across all partner agencies including links to local health protection unit	AMBER	
Universal BBV prevention activities across all services	GREEN	
Training plan to support delivery of BBV prevention activities across all services	GREEN	
BBV testing in place for all at risk drug users	GREEN	
Vaccinations routinely provided to drug users for HAV and HBV	GREEN	
Treatment care pathway for drug users with hepatitis and HIV	GREEN	
<b>Drug-related deaths</b>		
Multi-agency strategy to reduce drug-related deaths, which builds on previous work to meet the DH target to reduce deaths by 20% by 2004	GREEN	
Multi-agency DRD review group for confidential enquiries	GREEN	
Programme of overdose training supported by overdose agreements, for users, carers and emergency service staff	GREEN	
Interventions to minimise the risk of overdose and diversion of prescribed drugs	GREEN	
<b>Specific harm reduction interventions</b>		
Open access advice and information service including motivational and brief interventions	GREEN	
Pharmacy, centre based, and, if appropriate, outreach needle exchange with full range of harm minimisation equipment and information	GREEN	
Needle exchange outlets offer general health advice and, where appropriate, assessment and have referral routes to primary, sexual and dental health care services	AMBER	
Outreach services (detached, peripatetic and domiciliary) targeting high risk and priority groups	N/A	
General healthcare assessment is routinely provided to all service users and this is required within service level agreements	GREEN	

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## Treatment journey

This section focuses on improving the impact of treatment, alongside consolidation of improvements in access and capacity. This requires partnerships to evaluate the service user treatment journey including retention in treatment for long enough to impact on behaviour, have a care plan which identifies their needs and a programme of action to deliver their treatment goals, promote progression through the system for all individuals including support for positive lifestyles including access to stable accommodation, education, training and employment. The outcome of the treatment journey should deliver improvements in individual drug user's health and social functioning, lower public health risks from blood borne viruses and overdose, and improvements in community safety.

Assessment of services, provision and standards	R/A/G	Planning grid ref
<b>Access to treatment</b>		
Screening, assessment and referral for structured drug treatment from open access services (tier 2 referrals to tier 3 and 4 services)	GREEN	
Open access drug interventions which attract and motivate drug misusers into local treatment systems including engagement with offenders (tier 2 interventions)	GREEN	
Service provision is based on local need providing access that is appropriate to service users from all backgrounds and characteristics within the partnership area	GREEN	
Waiting times within national targets and providing timely access to structured drug treatment interventions	GREEN	
Management and, where required, reduction of waiting times action plan which includes delivery of NTA improvement programme and includes routine review and exceptions reporting of all waiting times of over 6 weeks	GREEN	
CJIT assessment of target offender population i.e. those testing positive or those arrested/charged with trigger offences	GREEN	
Waiting times for DIP clients accessing structured treatment (including CJIT case management) and particularly substitute prescribing where appropriate	GREEN	
Where restriction on bail is implemented, effective arrangements to communicate test results to courts and undertake assessment and follow on treatment	N/A	
<b>Engagement in treatment</b>		
Target of retention in treatment of more than 12 weeks achieved or bettered with all client groups including offenders	GREEN	
Management and, where required, improvement of retention rates action plan	GREEN	
<b>Treatment delivery</b>		
Each service user is supported to improve their health, social circumstances and well being by the provision of individually tailored care plans which are regularly reviewed	AMBER	
Individuals receive information, advice, injecting equipment and brief interventions and treatment to help reduce potential harm due to the transmission of blood borne virus's, drug related infections and overdose, and improves their physical health	GREEN	

Treatment delivery (cont)	R/A/G	Planning grid ref
Service user "significant others" have access to support and interventions to reduce harm related to drug misuse. This includes intervening to reduce the risk of significant harm to children of service users and ensuring significant others have access to support in their own right	Green	
Full range of evidence based structured treatment interventions as outlined in <i>Models of care updated 2005</i>	Orange	
Comprehensive and robust case management arrangements in place within the CJIT	Green	
Effective continuity of care arrangements between prisons, CJITs and specialist treatment providers	Green	
Range of drug treatment interventions for drug misusing offenders in DIP	Green	
Range of drug treatment interventions for drug misusing offenders subject to community based court orders	Green	
<b>Treatment completion/community re-integration</b>		
Partnership has identified current performance in terms of planned and unplanned discharges for treatment with plans in place to improve performance year on year	Green	
Service level agreements with all service providers clearly stipulate planned discharge performance expectations and are reviewed quarterly with agencies	Green	
A range of aftercare, 'move on' and support services are commissioned within specialist services to facilitate clients' transition from specialist drug services into wider resettlement, aftercare and community integration services	Orange	
Partnership (including all relevant stakeholders) has a written joint strategy explicitly linked to the Local Authority Homelessness Strategy and Supporting People Strategy to increase access to housing and housing support by drug users in order to assist stabilisation and resettlement	Green	
Joint strategy is supported by an action plan which ensures all key partners have shared definitions, objectives and outcomes	Green	
Partnership has undertaken a local assessment of met and unmet need for housing and housing support by drug users	Green	
Specific operational protocols between the partnership, the LA Supporting People Team and housing providers	Green	
Partnership has a written strategic plan to increase access to education, training and employment by drug users in order to assist stabilisation and resettlement	Red	