

MENTAL HEALTH STRATEGY – REPORT ON PROGRESS – ACTION 27

Date of report	June 2019
Date of last report	December 2018
Project end date	Ongoing
Action Number	27
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Action Text	Test and learn from better assessment and referral arrangements in a range of settings for dual diagnosis for people with problem substance use and mental health diagnosis.

Progress Update from Previous report	RAG
<p>The Lead Psychologists Addiction in Substance Misuse Services in Scotland (LPASS) Report was published on 4 June 2018.</p> <p>The report provides national best practice guidance for the Delivery of Psychological Interventions in substance misuse services for both practitioners and IJB commissioners. The report was endorsed by the Scottish Government advisory group infrastructure, Partnership for Action on Drugs Scotland. (PADS) and carried a joint Ministerial foreword from both Ms Watt and Ms Campbell.</p> <p>Scotland's alcohol and drug treatment strategy was published in November 2018. The commitment around LPASS was included: <i>The Scottish Government will support ADPs and IJBs to use the evidence and learning from the LPASS report to evaluate current psychological interventions and support within a ROSC.</i></p>	Green

Key Deliverables in next 6 months (include estimated date for each deliverable)	RAG
<p>Work has begun between mental health and substance use policy colleagues looking at the effectiveness in suicide prevention of joint working protocols between alcohol and drug services and mental health services. The proposal is to work with stakeholders to identify the key elements of an effective joint working protocol and promote this with all integration authorities to develop and evaluate their impact locally. The next steps are to discuss this with relevant stakeholders at the next quarterly meeting in June 2019.</p>	Green
<p>Next steps are to be identified following seminar delivery which took place between August and September 2018 and the commitment around the LPASS report within the drug and alcohol treatment including evidence sharing and potential development of a pilot. Innovative examples of practice across Scotland will be highlighted, along with existing resources for psychological interventions training, coaching and supervision.</p>	Green

What does success look like?

The number of ADPs and IJB using the evidence and learning within the LPASS report to strategically and operationally evaluate current psychological interventions and support within their Recovery Orientated System of Care. Furthermore the number of ADPs using the LPASS report to develop and embed improvements via workforce development programmes across all services including mental health and the (re) commissioning of services to enhance delivery of psychological interventions.

What data (if any) can evidence delivery?

LPASS report:

<https://www.gov.scot/publications/delivery-psychological-interventions-substance-misuse-services-scotland-report/>

Evidence of the evaluation and improvement plan for each ADP and their integrated authority. This should be included in the recent Quality Principles: Standard Expectations of Care and Support in Alcohol and Drug Services improvement framework currently in development at local ADP level.

Any other comments

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