

**REPORT TO: HEALTHIER STRATEGIC GROUP – 29 APRIL 2010**

**SUBJECT: SAFER STREETS CAMPAIGN – CUSTODY NURSES**

**BY: CORPORATE POLICY UNIT MANAGER**

## **1. REASON FOR REPORT**

- 1.1** This report provides a progress report in relation to the provision of custody nurses as part of the Safer Streets Campaign under Local Outcome 17 – There is a reduction in alcohol related offending in Moray.

## **2. RECOMMENDATION**

- 2.1** **The Healthier Strategic Group is asked to note the progress in relation to the provision of custody nurses as part of the Safer Streets Campaign milestone set down within the Reduction in alcohol related offending Key Action.**

## **3. BACKGROUND**

- 3.1** Alcohol fuelled violence and disorder seriously affects the quality of life in many city and town centres across Scotland. Much of this violence and disorder occurs at weekends and during holiday periods, just when many people wish to enjoy these public spaces. Since 2007 the Scottish Government has provided additional support to local partnerships during the December period in order to assist them in tackling this problem.
- 3.2** During December 2009 the Safer Streets Campaign took place within the town centre of Elgin. As in previous years Taxi Marshals and additional Police patrols provided a deterring presence on Elgin High Street and Posters/Taxi cards were distributed highlighting the campaigns message.
- 3.3** In order to provide additional opportunities to tackling alcohol fuelled violence and disorder a funding application was submitted to the Moray Alcohol and Drug Partnership. The application submitted was successful and allowed for the provision of an additional ambulance to be in place on Elgin High Street on Friday and Saturday nights as well as a nurse within the Elgin Police Office Custody Suite during the same periods of time.
- 3.4** The campaign took place during December 2009 incorporating all of the proposed activities with the exception of the nurses within the custody suite.

- 3.5 The provision of custody nurses was initially delayed due to difficulties in providing suitably trained nursing staff during a December period which saw an increase in demand on nursing staff.
- 3.6 Staff have subsequently been identified however further internal consultation within the NHS is required prior to instigating this aspect of the campaign. This consultation is still taking place and as such there is no date been set yet in relation to the nurses starting their role.

#### **4. SUMMARY OF IMPLICATIONS**

**(a) Community Plan / Theme Plans / Partner Plans**

Reducing alcohol related offending is a Key Action within the SOA under the Priority – Alcohol and contributes towards Local Outcome 17 – There is a reduction in alcohol related offending in Moray

**(b) Policy and Legal**

There are no Policy and legal implications.

**(c) Resources (Financial, Staffing and Risks)**

The budget to deliver this has been provided by funding allocated to the Safer Streets Campaign by the Moray Drug and Alcohol Partnership.

**(d) Consultations**

Consultations have taken place with Helen Mellis, Dr Grays A & E Manger, NHS and all other relevant Community Planning partners.

#### **5. CONCLUSION**

- 5.1 The Healthier Strategic Group is asked to note the progress in relation to the provision of custody nurses as part of the Safer Streets Campaign milestone set down within the Reduction in alcohol related offending Key Action.**

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**Background Papers:**

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