

REPORT TO: HEALTHIER STRATEGIC GROUP

SUBJECT: CURRENT FINANCIAL POSITION OF MORAY ALCOHOL AND DRUG PARTNERSHIP (MADP)

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1. REASON FOR REPORT

1.1 The reason for the report is to update the Healthier Strategic Group as to the current financial position of the MADP.

2. RECOMMENDATION

2.1 The Healthier Strategic Group is asked to note the current financial position of the MADP.

3. BACKGROUND

3.1 Members of the Healthier Strategic Group were given a verbal update at the meeting held on the 4 February 2010; where they were informed of the risk of potential underspend being reclaimed by NHS Grampian that was in the region of £370,000.

3.2 Richard Carey, CEO NHS Grampian, sent a letter in July 2009 advising that NHS Grampian were no longer willing to support the carry forward of funding for more than one financial year.

3.3 The MADP had an actual slippage of £263,593 from 2008/09 into 2009/10. The total expenditure in 2009/10 was £304,000; this has still to be audited.

3.4 At a recent meeting of the Finance and Commissioning Sub-group, assurances have been sought, and given, in relation to how spend is accounted for. As the spend for the last financial year exceeded money carried forward from the previous year, the likelihood of any money being reclaimed is low.

3.5 It has been confirmed that monies carried forward from 2008/09 were spent prior to utilising 2009/10 allocated monies. This has therefore reduced the risk previously articulated.

3.6 It is understood that decisions about usage of future allocations and carry forward balances have yet to be determined by NHS Grampian.

3.7 The MADP Finance and Commissioning Sub-group is now well established and has outlined proposals for spend for 2010/11. These will be submitted in due course to the Healthier Strategic Group.

4. SUMMARY OF IMPLICATIONS

(a) Community Plan / Theme Plans / Partner Plans

The Community Planning Board has agreed that Outcome 6 within the Single Outcome Agreement will be addressed by the Healthier Strategic Group. Substance misuse is a main outcome within this priority.

(b) Policy and Legal

The MADP is a statutory body, established by the Scottish Executive (initially as the MDAAT) and inherited by the Scottish Government. There are three Alcohol and Drug Partnerships (ADP's) in Grampian and each ADP report directly to their Community Planning Partnership.

(c) Resources (Financial, Staffing and Risks)

All resources have been allocated to the MADP through the Scottish Government with the NHS acting as the holding agent.

(d) Consultations

The Finance and Commissioning Sub-group have consulted with those who are responsible for the allocation of funding in Grampian.

5. CONCLUSION

- 5.1 The Alcohol and Drug Partnership has made a significant contribution to the achievement of relevant local outcomes within the Single Outcome Agreement under the Healthier Theme through the introduction of the MADP Strategy 2009-11, the Moray Delivery Plan 2009-10 and the Commissioning Plan 2009-11.
- 5.2 The new structure of the MADP, aligning Sub-groups for Management and Performance, Workforce Development and Finance and Commissioning will now ensure sound accountability and governance. This incorporates clear and concise financial reporting along with management of quality and performance.
- 5.3 All monies carried forward from 2008/09 were utilised prior to monies allocated in 2010/11.
- 5.4 Risk of funding being reclaimed by NHS Grampian due to them not being allocated has been mitigated for the current financial year.
- 5.5 The MADP are now in a much stronger position and are in the process of agreeing spend on all funding allocated (including carried forward slippage from 2009/10) for 2010/11 in line with HEAT Targets, SOA Outcomes and MADP Outcomes.

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Background Papers:

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