

APPENDIX 2

Throughcare Addictions Service presentation to the Association of Drug Action Teams' Drug Officers meeting

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Areas Covered in Presentation

- Background to the Enhanced Throughcare Strategy
- Phase 1
- Phase 2 (including the TAS)
- TAS - roles and responsibilities
- TAS funding

Throughcare

Throughcare denotes the range of social work and associated services available to prisoners and their families, at the point of sentence or remand, through custody and onto release back into the community.

Developing Throughcare

- A **Tripartite Group** was set up by the Scottish Executive to develop proposals to strengthen partnership working between:
 - **Scottish Executive Justice Department**
 - **Scottish Prison Service**
 - **Local Authorities (ADSW)** to improve the arrangements for the transition from prison to community.
- The Tripartite Group Report - "**Throughcare - Developing the Service**" was published on 28 January 2003.

Enhanced Throughcare Strategy

- **Strengthen Partnerships**
- **Better public protection**
- **Better support services**

Throughcare : Phase 1

- **Phase 1**
- Extending the arrangements for Extended Sentences to all prisoners subject to statutory supervision.
- A supervising authority and supervising officer is designated at the start of the prison sentence.

- This model offers more robust arrangements for preparing prisoners for release and for their supervision after release.
- It also promotes continuity of service provision during and after a prison sentence.

Throughcare Phase 2 (original)

- **Phase 2**
- **Identifying priorities within the group of prisoners eligible for voluntary aftercare to 3 subgroups as follows:**
 - (1) **Schedule 1 Offenders** - (i.e. those convicted of offences against children) and other sex offenders not subject to statutory throughcare who are the highest risk group;
 - (2) **Young offenders** - This is a group which shows the highest rate of offending and effective action would have longer benefits for the criminal justice system, communities and victims;
 - (3) **Those prisoners who have shown a commitment to address their offending behaviour** or who have remained in contact with SPS's transitional throughcare service.

TAS

- Guidance issued in March 2005.
- Priority Groups for Phase 2 (revised) are:
 - **High Risk Offenders**
 - **Throughcare Addictions Service Offenders.**
- The Throughcare Addiction Service will work with the offender in the **6 week period prior to release from custody through the 6 week period post-release.** The key agencies involved are Scottish Executive Justice Department, Local Authority Criminal Justice Social Work, Drug Action Teams & Voluntary Sector organisations

Phase 2 (revised)

Throughcare Addiction Service

- Phase 2 was revised to include the new transitional care arrangements (TAS) which came into force on 1 August 2005.
- The Aim of the **Throughcare Addiction Service** is to provide continuity of care for those leaving custody who wish to go on to receive addiction services in the community in Scotland.

TAS :Roles & Responsibilities of Lead Agencies

Part 1. During the Period of Custody

1. SPS Healthcare

- Arrange, pre-release, future access to GP/prescribing services and inform Throughcare Addiction Service of the cases where this has not been possible and the reasons

2. SPS Enhanced Casework Addiction Service Contractor

- Assess & refer appropriate cases to Throughcare Addiction Service
- Arrange pre release meeting to input addictions element of CIP
- Share information on GP prescribing in the absence of addictions nurse to CIP meeting.
- Share information & assessments (including CAART & CAART+) with Throughcare Addiction Service
- attend and provide in-put into pre-release meeting
- provide Throughcare Addiction Service info & eligibility criteria at prisoner Induction programmes
- distribute Throughcare Addiction Service leaflets to Induction prisoners

3. SPS Sentence Management Core Screening

- Assess and refer appropriate under 31 day young offenders or female offenders to the Throughcare Addiction Service
- Assess and refer appropriate under 31 days prisoners with a substance misuse issue to voluntary throughcare
- Provide relevant information & assessments to Throughcare Addictions Service

4. SPS

- Assist Throughcare Addiction Service staff while assistance working in a secure prison environment, this may include : (to be determined by whether staff are stationed within the prison environment or attending for CIP and case conference purposes):
 - training (breakaway technique, ACT2 Care security awareness, etc)
 - access to prison keys
 - access to prison facilities whilst working on site
 - access & training in relation to SPIN IT network
- Facilitate networking with other prison based resources

- **5. Throughcare Addiction Service**
- Attend and participate in pre-release meeting
- visit referred prisoners at least twice pre-release in last 6 weeks of sentence
- Access & discuss assessments & other information from the ECAS Contractor and other SPS prison sources
- Liaise with SPS resources & Link Centre agencies
- Provide Induction leaflets
- Ensure full Disclosure Scotland checks are undertaken of Throughcare Addiction Service staff or the staff of other agencies acting on their behalf in order to satisfy SPS security needs
- Arrange time & venue of first post release appointment

- **6. Local DAT**
- Help facilitate ready access to GP/prescribing services & treatment services in time for offender's release

Roles and responsibilities cont'd

▪ **Part 2 On release from Custody**

- **1. Throughcare Addiction Service**
- Arrange first interview to be held within 48 hours of release
- Arrange to see offender at least weekly during first 6 weeks
- Carry out assigned tasks during first six weeks
- Implementation of Community Integration Plan
- Ensure throughcare needs are met during and after 6 week period
- Arrange urgent access to treatment
- Where not arranged in prison establishment, arrange as a matter of urgency access to GP/prescribing services
- Ensure proper records & stats are kept

- **2. Local DAT**
- Help facilitate ready access to GP/prescribing services
- Help facilitate ready access to appropriate treatment facilities

Throughcare Funding

- Ministers endorsed the development of an **enhanced throughcare policy** based on the recommendations contained in the Tripartite Group Report - "**Throughcare - Developing the Service**" which was published on 28 January 2003.
- This led to an **increase** in allocations to local authorities **from £2.5m in 2002-03 to £4.5m in 2003-04 to £6.7m in 2005-2006.**
- Additional funding has been allocated to drug "Hot Spots". The "Hot Spots" identified were located in:
 - **Glasgow**
 - **Lothian and Borders**
 - **The Northern Partnership**