

Letter to DAT support staff to accompany agenda for 21 Sept 10.30am meeting

Dear Colleague

The 2 DATA meetings on 21 September will allow us to bring DATA business up to speed after the comparative lull of the past months. During this time I have been picking up on various items of business most of which is included in the agendas of both meetings.

The morning meeting for DAT support staff will be particularly useful

- To reflect back on any issues associated with the second Prevalence Study published in January
- To receive current information about the Addictions Throughcare Service, hear of any issues in your area (so please check out what these may be) and report any comments into the full DATA meeting in the afternoon
- To discuss amongst ourselves ideas for a series of practice exchange seminars, (related to which I attach a paper proposing a link to the journal Drug and Alcohol Findings) and report into the full DATA meeting in afternoon
- To consider an idea from Lanarkshire for an Information Officers Network

The afternoon meeting will be for DAT chairs, or a person they nominate to deputise for them, plus one DAT support officer per DAT.

A number of you have suggested items for discussion not specifically mentioned in the agendas but which fit well for raising in one of the existing items eg under good practice exchange or a Scottish Executive related issue.

Hope to see you on the 21st

Mike McCarron
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