

West Lothian DAT – press release

Updated Directory of Services for people affected by substance use

West Lothian Drug Action Team (DAT) is responsible for co-ordinating local action and priorities relating to alcohol, tobacco and drug misuse. A key priority for West Lothian DAT is to engage drug, tobacco and alcohol misusers with specialist treatment and support services. Over the last year there has been an 18% increase in the number of substance users accessing treatment in West Lothian.

In order to promote locally available services West Lothian DAT has produced a Directory of Services for people affected by substance misuse. The booklet provides a comprehensive summary of all treatment and support services available to people living in West Lothian whose lives, either directly or indirectly, are affected by substance misuse.

Hilary Smith, Research & Development Officer, West Lothian DAT commented: “It is estimated that 46% of substance users in West Lothian are not currently in touch with a specialist treatment and support service. We hope to improve this statistic by promoting the work of specialist services and making them more accessible.”

The DAT Directory of Services contains useful service information for young people, individuals and families who may be affected by alcohol, tobacco or drug misuse.

If you would like to order a free copy of the directory, please email: dat.admin@westlothian.gov.uk or call 01506 777 134.

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