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About the conference

The 2008 drugs strategy, *Drugs: protecting families and communities*, recognises the importance of preventing harm to children, young people and families affected by drug misuse. It places families firmly within drug treatment policy, identifies the need to support parents and kin carers, and sets out an action plan which aims to deliver a new package for families.

But how far is this strategy translated into actions which will make a difference to parents, children and families? Does the focus on prevention, and on encouraging parents into treatment, mean that families supporting an adult user, or a user not in treatment, are ignored? Does guidance mean the needs of families will be taken seriously when services are commissioned? What are the challenges to implementing the new strategy, and what are some of the emerging opportunities to overcome them?

This conference brings together key themes from across a broad spectrum of policy areas related to families and substance misuse, and places the importance on understanding their needs, and finding solutions for their problems, within a wide-ranging context.

Aims of the conference

This conference is designed to give delegates an opportunity to:

- hear from speakers about the key features of the strategy
- place families affected by substance use within a broad policy framework
- identify some of the challenges and opportunities for implementation.

Key Themes

- The 2008 drugs strategy: themes, principles and the action plan
- Carers, and the national carers strategy
- Families affected by substance misuse within the criminal justice system
- NTA commissioning guidance
- Families' role in treatment and recovery
- Alcohol and families
- Children in drug using families; the continuing challenges
- Drug misuse, families and domestic violence

Who should attend?

- Practitioners, managers and service managers in health, social care and children's services
- Service users and carers
- Parenting practitioners
- Drug agencies
- Alcohol agencies
- Statutory sector – commissioners, government, local authority and DATs.

About Adfam

Adfam is the national umbrella organisation working with and for families affected by drugs and alcohol. We provide direct support to families through publications, training, prison visitors' centres, outreach work and signposting to local support services. As the voice of families, we provide consultation on best practice in drug and alcohol related family work and have written several guides for professionals and commissioners. We continue to raise awareness of the needs of families affected by drugs and alcohol, and work to inform and influence government policy, the media, and national, regional and local services.

Programme

9.30am Registration

10.00am **Welcome and introduction**

Vivienne Evans OBE Chief Executive, Adfam

10.10am **The Government's Strategy: Drugs, protecting families and communities: key issues and innovations**

David Chater Substance Misuse team leader, Department for Children, School and Families

10.40am **The National Strategy for Carers: How do families affected by substance misuse fit in?**

Speaker from Princess Royal Trust for Carers

11.10am Refreshments

11.30am **The recovery debate and what it might mean for families**

Dr Marcus Roberts Director of Policy, DrugScope

12.00pm **Only connect? Improvements in the design and delivery of integrated services for children and families affected by substance misuse. Have we got it right?**

Joy Barlow STRADA

12.30pm **Questions to the morning speakers**

12.50pm Lunch

2.00pm **Children, families and alcohol: the neglected dimension?**

Don Shenker Chief Executive, Alcohol Concern

2.40pm **The role of families in resettlement**

Caroline Bonds NOMS Interventions and Substance Misuse Group (invited)

3.00pm Refreshments

3.30pm **The new NTA carer guidance**

Colin Bradbury Treatment Delivery Manager, National Treatment Agency

4.00pm **Families, substance misuse and domestic violence**

Dr Marianna Tortell Stella Project Co-ordinator, Greater London Domestic Violence Project

4.20pm **Chair's summary of the day**

Vivienne Evans OBE Chief Executive, Adfam

4.30pm Close

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