

Overview and Scrutiny Safer and Stronger Communities

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Item 6

Drug and Alcohol Abuse

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Recommendation: that the presentation by the Cumbria Drug and Alcohol Action Team be received and considered.

Background

The Committee will recall that it has an outstanding item on its work plan regarding Drug Use. The Committee had asked for a presentation to get a better understanding of how drug abuse is dealt with across Cumbria

Cumbria Drug and Alcohol Action Team (DAAT) is the strategic partnership responsible for the delivery of the national drug strategy in Cumbria. The partnership works by getting organisations to agree together on how to reduce drug related problems.

Cumbria DAAT does not provide services but plans and pays for local services using Government and local partner agencies resources.

During 2007/08 the DAAT will also lead the development of an alcohol strategy for Cumbria. This means that by March 2008, for the first time, there will be a clear plan of how to reduce the harm that alcohol causes in Cumbria.

Peter Rooney, DAAT General Manager, will be attending the meeting to give a presentation outlining the work DAAT do, how the Cumbrian strategy is worked out, how big a problem drug and alcohol abuse is in Cumbria, what work is done here in Copeland and the plans for the future.

List of Appendices

None

List of Background Documents:

None