Alcohol Best Practice Conference

11th October 2007 at the Park Plaza, Riverbank, London

The Interventions and Substance Abuse Unit, NOMS, is holding a conference to launch outputs from the 7 alcohol projects funded under Probation Circular 31/2006 to support implementation of the alcohol strategy, *Working with Alcohol Misusing Offenders*.

The main purpose of the event is to disseminate the best practice learnt from the projects in order to inform the wider development of alcohol provision across the National Probation Service (NPS). Representatives from the probation areas and partner agencies involved will give presentations and take questions on the key learning points. Reports, manuals and guidance from the projects will be available for delegates to take away.

The projects were:

**Avon & Somerset:** To develop Tier 1 and 2 training packages linked to relevant Drugs and Alcohol National Occupational Standards (DANOS) competences to equip NPS staff to undertake screening, deliver brief interventions and make referrals into treatment.

**Gloucestershire:** To develop a training manual for staff to deliver a 3 session *Brief, Motivational Enhancement Intervention* based upon the intervention evaluated in the United Kingdom Alcohol Treatment Trial (UKATT).

**Greater Manchester:** To implement an Alcohol Bail Condition Scheme to support the effective targeting and delivery of Alcohol Treatment Requirements.

**North East region:** To hold a regional conference with voluntary and community sector providers to develop shared agendas and specific outcomes for improving provision.

**Northamptonshire:** To run a pilot to implement an alcohol screening tool and deliver a programme of one to one and group interventions.

**Thames Valley:** To develop a practice manual and training material to support roll-out of an approved liaison model for working with Alcoholics Anonymous.

**North Wales:** To produce a comprehensive targeting matrix for alcohol provision and programmes and process map for offender managers.

The event is mainly aimed at probation managers and practitioners involved in managing or delivering interventions to alcohol misusing offenders but representatives from the alcohol treatment sector and other stakeholders are also welcome.

There is no charge for attendance and lunch and additional refreshments will be provided.

To confirm attendance please reply by e-mail or post to Stephen Lee (contact details below) no later than 28th September 2007.

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