

Cheshire DAAT response to Alcohol Strategy Consultation

The Cheshire Drug and Alcohol Team (DAAT) took responsibility for incorporating alcohol issues into its planning in 2002. It did this in advance of national strategy development as local partners felt alcohol and its impact on communities was too high a priority to delay co-ordinated planning.

The DAAT has considered the national alcohol strategy consultation and would like to submit the following responses.

1. Please be specific about delivery mechanisms for the strategy. Currently it would make some sense for DATs to do this.
2. Please broaden considerations around treatment implications to wider than the NHS. Other services are vital in this sector e.g. Social Services, voluntary organisations.
3. Please learn from the National Drug Strategy that whilst appropriate targets are constructive they will not be so effectively reached without appropriate resourcing.

The DAAT has also circulated the consultation document widely amongst its partners and encouraged them to respond independently if they feel appropriate.

We look forward to your interim analysis.

Please contact us if you have any queries.

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