

Myth Buster – Questions Answered

Question 1: Will all drug and alcohol services be part of payment by results?

Answer 1: NO

The re-modelling of the adult treatment system to improve outcomes for individuals is in its design phase at present. The young people's service will not be part of the PbR pilot. Newly commissioned services, that will be competitively tendered, will have a Payment by Results element to their payments. The pharmacy LES and GP LES will not go through this process, these contracts are paid on activity and negotiated annually.

Question 2: Will all drug users be expected to be abstinent?

Answer 2: NO

Maintenance will remain a significant harm reduction tool, and funding on harm reduction interventions will be increased not decreased.

Question 3: Is there evidence for change?

Answer 3: YES

National and local data shows that few drug users ever exit treatment in Oxfordshire, and the majority do not get offered the range of services they need in order to bring about change in their lives. Therefore we need to design a treatment system that provides drug and alcohol users more opportunity to overcome their addiction by providing more holistic care. The payment mechanism to incentivise new providers is a pilot and will differ depending on the contract.

Question 4: What is payment by results?

Answer 4: It is a payment mechanism to pay providers for the outcomes that they help individuals to achieve. Currently we pay providers an annual contract value in which they get paid no matter what the individuals achieve, or by an activity based contract.

Question 5: Will GP's be getting support to work with drug users

Answer 5: YES

All individuals that are seen through their GP will be able to access a holistic package of care through a wide variety of service provision, including harm reduction and recovery services, meaning more choice for the individual.

Question 6: What will happen to harm reduction?

Answer 6: There will be a dedicated new county wide harm reduction service that will support drug and alcohol users, and provide brief interventions.

Question 7: Will people lose their script?

Answer 7: NO

This is NOT an abstinence only model; this model has been designed to create a system that offers supported recovery as a real option for individuals, whilst ensuring that the commitment to maintenance is still at the heart of harm reduction

Question 8: Will there still be access to residential rehabilitation

Answer 8: YES

Oxfordshire's investment in residential rehabilitation and residential detoxification will continue to be amongst the highest in the country.

Question 9: Will the skill of the workforce be reduced?

Answer 9: NO

It will be enhanced. At present there are too many silo's; the new design will enable the creation of a multi skilled workforce to meet the holistic needs of the individual, including education training and employment and housing which are significant enabling factors to recovery.

Consultation events

Oxfordshire Stakeholder Events

9.30 – 10.30 23rd May
9.30 – 10.30 26th September
9.30 – 10.30 23rd January

Drug & Alcohol Practitioner Events

9.30 – 10.30 9th May
9.30 – 10.30 18th July
9.30 – 10.30 23rd September
9.30 – 10.30 21st November
9.30 – 10.30 30th January

GP-stakeholder events

Thursday 23rd June 1 – 2pm
Friday July 22nd 1.00-2.00pm
Additional dates TBC

There are also monthly service user consultations being conducted, which are being led by Oxfordshire User team.

Contact reception@oxfordshiredaat.org
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