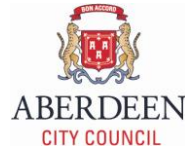


ABERDEEN CITY ALCOHOL AND DRUGS PARTNERSHIP SERVICE DEVELOPMENT INTEGRATED ALCOHOL TREATMENT AND REHABILITATION



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NHS Grampian, Aberdeen City Council and Grampian Police are pleased to announce the outcome of the commissioning process for voluntary sector alcohol services in Aberdeen City. Four contracts have been awarded:

- Lot 1 - Self Referred Counselling – Addaction
- Lot 2 - Designated Place of Safety – Alcohol Support Ltd
- Lot 3 - Care Planned Counselling – Addaction
- Lot 4 - Community Support Service – Addaction

There will be no transition period for Lot 2 as Alcohol Support Ltd are already the current provider and will continue to deliver this service. It will operate from their current premises at Albyn House, 78 Dee Street, Aberdeen and offers a service for those persons found drunk and incapable.

For Lots 1, 3 and 4 there will be a transition period as the new provider Addaction commence their service from 1 July 2010 onwards. Although Addaction is new to the Aberdeen area, it is a well established national agency, which currently provides substance misuse related services across the UK. They therefore bring a wealth of experience in this field to Aberdeen.

Addaction will be offering an open access service under Lot 1, which members of the Aberdeen public can contact to get help and advice in relation to alcohol problems. Addaction will deliver Lots 3 and 4 as part of an overall Integrated Alcohol Service in partnership with Aberdeen City Council and NHS Grampian.

Fuller details of the new arrangements will be outlined in due course, including details of the premises which Addaction will operate from, and the referral routes to access their services.

Alcohol Support Ltd will continue to provide their current alcohol counselling services during the transition period, up until 1 July 2010. Beyond this, they do propose to continue to provide an open counselling service through use of volunteer staff.

The commissioners and both providers are working closely together to ensure a smooth transition for clients through this period of change.

Further information on both providers can be found at:

Alcohol Support Ltd – www.alcoholsupport.co.uk

Addaction - www.addaction.org.uk