

IJB21. Falkirk Alcohol & Drug Partnership Update

The Integration Joint Board considered the report by the Alcohol & Drug Partnership Lead Officer which provided an update on progress that had been made by the Falkirk Alcohol & Drug Partnership (ADP) during the past year. The Head of Integration (MT) provided an overview of the report and highlighted aspects of the report related to:-

- Delivering the Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) Standards
- Recommissioning of the third sector drug & alcohol treatment service provision
- Reporting of progress to Scottish Government (Annual Survey)
- ADP Executive membership and Chair arrangements
- Falkirk Drug-misuse Deaths.

The Committee asked if it was known which actions had contributed to the reduction of drug-misuse deaths. The Head of Integration (MT) advised that further analysis was required to determine the reasons for reduced deaths. They added that the data in the report referred to a point in time where the pandemic may still have impacted on behaviours. The ADP Lead Officer added that over the last year the ADP had followed the Drug Deaths Taskforce 6 emergency themes and that they believed that it was through a combination of actions, rather than a single action, which had contributed to reduced drug-misuse deaths. They concluded with an acknowledgement that more was required to continue this work.

Decision

The Integration Joint Board noted the:-

- (1) activity of the ADP during the last year, and**
- (2) progress towards identifying ADP Executive membership and Chairing recommendations, subject to the approval of the IJB.**