



CHIEF OFFICER'S REPORT TO THE MORAY INTEGRATION JOINT BOARD ON 29 AUGUST 2019

Drug Related Deaths

Following the publication of the Drug Related Deaths in Scotland, the drug death figures for Moray show that there were 17 deaths in 2018 compared to 7 in 2017, 10 in 2016, and 10 in 2015. The profile for those who have died is similar to the wider Scotland profile, i.e. long term poly drug use, with people on average being in their 40's at the time of their deaths. Other important factors include the increased use of benzodiazepines; often bought illicitly and of variable quality.

As part of the work to ensure that services continue to meet the need of Moray, the Moray Alcohol and Drugs Partnership (MADP) are carrying out an audit of how services and organisations work together to reduce drug related harms. The audit is based on the accredited tool produced by the Scottish Drugs Forum – Staying Alive in Scotland. The audit will identify any gaps in services that need to be addressed. Once completed a report with specific recommendations for action will be presented to the MADP.

Moray has undertaken a considerable amount of work, along with increased investment from the Scottish Government, to ensure that services are easily accessible. To this end it is reassuring that Moray is 100% compliant in meeting its waiting time target of getting people into services within three weeks from the initial contact, and it is also 100% compliant in meeting the local target of 72 hours from the initial contact. The numbers of people receiving support has increased from 505 in Quarter 1 2018/19 up to 581 in Q2 2019/20. This ties in with the work undertaken to promote engagement and ease of access into services.

The MADP produces quarterly performance reports which outline in detail how Moray as a whole is performing. The 2019/20 Quarter 1 report will be published before the end of August 2019.

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Annual Performance Report 2018/19

Following approval by the special meeting of Audit, Performance and Risk committee on 1 August 2019 the finalised annual performance report was published on the Health and Social Care Moray website on Friday 2 August 2019.

