



DRUGS ACT 2005 'TOUGH CHOICES'

Planning and Preparation

- 1. Information
- 2. Partners
- 3. Regional Champions
- 4. Training
- 5. Capacity
- 6. Media Internal and External
- 7. Admin and Enforcement issues
- 8. R.O.B

Information

➤ 1. Sources of Information:

- Guidance
- Frequently Asked Questions
- Regional Champions
- Ian Beauchamp – Home Office Comms
- Legislation

Partners

- Local Steering Groups
- Regular Updates
- Capacity Issues
- Review Historical data
- Agree working practices
- Flexibility
- Local commissioning differences
- CPS Courts and Defence Solicitors

Regional Champions

- Sources of Information and Support
- Facilitators
- Will need your support



Training

- Joint training with CJIT
- Opportunity to deliver training on local practices and procedures and explain the changes
- Aleisha trainers work closely with Police and CJIT to facilitate the training

Capacity

- Examine your ability to deal with capacity issues
- Discuss capacity with partners – primary aim should be to ensure as many assessments as possible occur in custody
- Do not forget your administrative support capacity

Media

- Sub Committee to manage any media releases
- Use internal publications/Weekly Orders to inform staff
- Provide internal 'handouts' for officers and staff
- The wider the knowledge base the greater success

Admin and Enforcement Issues

- The information exchange –DT and RA forms
- Additional recording and reporting
- Local agreements for the prompt exchange of information and breach notification
- Decision as to how to manage and enforce breach actions.

Restriction On Bail

- TOA will ensure that the numbers placed on ROB will increase
- Required Assessment versus Relevant Assessment
- Information and Education for all officers as to what ROB (S19 CJA 2003) is and what it means

Finally

- Testing on Arrest provides a number of opportunities to ensure that drug misusing offenders can be moved into treatment, thereby minimising, if not curtailing their offending. It is a gateway into ROB, a process which allows your offenders to be managed.
- Custody staff have the benefit of the results of the test at the outset of custody which is a useful risk assessment tool, as well as a bail indicator.
- With the right planning and liaison, participation in the HO training and the appropriate internal dissemination of information you will all make this programme successful

