



TOUGH CHOICES

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AIMS OF PRESENTATION

- To exhibit the implementation procedure of Tough Choices in Greater Manchester
- To recommend priorities for wave 2 areas



INITIAL PREPARATIONS

- Several months of speculation that Test on Arrest was planned and going through Parliament
- Linked to a compulsory assessment process
- Initial estimates predicted that test numbers would at least double and possibly treble



INITIAL PROBLEMS

- Embargo on release of start date due to Ministerial announcement
- Release of final guidance not until October 05
- No local training to be done until after Home Office training (eliesha)



IMPLEMENTATION ISSUES

- Greater Manchester has 10 DAATs and 12 Police Divisions (BCU's)
- Each has its own service providers and service level agreements
- Some areas only recently gone live with Restrictions on Bail



IMPLEMENTATION GROUP

- Each Division set up implementation groups
- DIP lead at HQ acted as liaison with Government Office and Home Office
- Greater Manchester Implementation Group set up with Force DIP lead, Government Office, NTA, Divisional Implementation representatives and regular visits from the Home Office

ROLE OF IMPLEMENTATION GROUPS



- To identify all risk factors
- To drive forward the Tough Choices agenda
- To plan Service provision, training, administration, identify gaps and ensure all necessary protocols and information sharing is in place



ROLES OF EACH AGENCY

- POLICE:
- Testing
- Requiring assessments and serving of RA1
- Booking appointments if in custody assessments not available
- Providing appropriate facilities to allow assessments to take place
- Ensuring drug test information is available to courts on first appearance
- Contacting those tested to confirm +ve tests and cancel assessments for –ve tests after laboratory test
- Enforcement of fail to attend/remain assessments



ROLE OF EACH SERVICE

- TREATMENT PROVIDER
- Provide service to facilitate the required assessments of those who test positive in custody using the D.I.R. forms
- To provide a service for those not tested in custody, including those tested out of area
- To be able to provide the Courts/CPS with reports/assessments to enable the Courts to place Restrictions on Bail provisions
- To continue to provide a core arrest referral service. There will be still be clients who test negative or who are not tested



ROLES OF EACH AGENCY

- DAAT/DIP
- To drive forward the Tough Choices Agenda
- To collate and report on DIP performance from all agencies
- To identify blockages and gaps and threats to delivery
- To ensure Single Points of Contact for both assessment appointments and service provider



ROLES OF AGENCIES

- CPS
 - To present test information to the Courts
 - To advise the Courts on previous test information if requested
 - To request the Court to place Restrictions on Bail conditions
 - To provide advice on cases of fail to attend/remain at assessments
- COURTS
 - To apply Restrictions on Bail conditions



PRIORITIES

- Thoroughly understand guidance
- Encourage all staff from all agencies to attend Eliesha training
- Ensure there is local representatives from Police and Agencies at Eliesha training to present on and answer questions on local issues
- Map out and commence recruitment of assessment service
- Establish implementation group and ensure all agencies aware of roles and requirements
- Ensure all agencies are up to speed, including CPS and Courts
- Local training is ready to be rolled out after delivery of Eliesha training
- Liaise with CPS over best evidence for fail to attend/remain

ISSUES FOR LOCAL POLICE TRAINING



- Whole procedure and Police Officer duties
- Updated and new forms (DT1, DT2, RA1, RA2 and RA3)
- New database
- Actions when test is disputed etc
- An enforcement policy needs to be negotiated with local Police Commanders. Even though this client group can be your prolific offenders because the offence is not a sanctioned detection they can be reluctant to allocate resources!



ADMINISTRATION

- System of notifying treatment provider of +ve tests and service of RA1.
- Appointment system for out of service hours assessments
- System of notifying treatment provider and CPS of results of laboratory test results
- System of notifying those tested of laboratory result to confirm +ve result and cancel assessment if -ve
- Management of Drug Test Recorder



RECOMMENDATIONS

- Establish Implementation Group as soon as possible and have regular meetings, weekly if necessary
- Ensure all agencies are involved, including CPS and Courts
- There needs to be strong links between Police, Treatment, Courts and all should be part of planning process
- Work through every aspect of the guidance. And most important:



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- READ THE FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS!
 - Every question you have will have been asked before and will be in the FAQ's
 - It is one of the most important guides for you. It is very comprehensive and easy to use.