



**National Treatment Agency  
for Substance Misuse**

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**BOARD MEETING ON 6 JULY 2010  
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**NTA DELIVERY ASSURANCE - PERFORMANCE REPORT UPDATE**

Improvements against the previous the Public Service Agreement/NHS Vital Signs indicator continues. The Board will recall that the NTA was previously tasked to achieve an overall 3% increase in the number of drug users recorded as being in effective treatment. This increase was achieved some time ago and the numbers in effective treatment currently exceed the previous trajectory at 6% growth nationally.

We are now concentrating more on how service users successfully complete their treatment. Successful completions are a better reflection of a healthy treatment system that is effectively engaging service users, working with them to achieve individual goals including their ambitions for recovery and reintegration.

The new operating environment is yet unclear although the direction of travel indicates a greater emphasis on outcomes. This is in line with the work we have undertaken to revamp the reporting framework; it now better reflects indicators of a system focused on outcomes, including TOP and successful completions, as demonstrated in Section 8, Regional tables, of the attached report.

An update of progress will be given at the Board meeting.

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