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To:

The Chairs of the Drug Partnerships  
The Chairs of the Joint Commissioning Groups  
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**Re: 2011/12 FUNDING ALLOCATION FOR DRUG MISUSE TREATMENT**

Following the publication of the Drug Strategy last week, we are now able to give an outline of the national funding streams in support of the community drug treatment in England.

The Drug Strategy commits the government to removing unnecessary bureaucratic barriers to the effective local deployment of resources. To facilitate this, most funding for drug treatment in the community and prison will from April 2011 become the responsibility of the Department of Health (DH).

This provides opportunities for local areas to integrate and align their spending on both offenders and non-offenders in the community, and better bridge the gap between prison and community treatment with one pot of money with one purpose. In England in 2011-12, local areas will receive:


- £406.7m for the Pooled Treatment Budget (PTB), made up of £381.3m for adults and £25.4m for young people. Individual area allocations will be available early in the new year as usual.
- £95m from the Drug Interventions Programme (DIP) to support facilitating access to treatment among offenders and identifying, assessing and managing drug-misusing offenders during their recovery journey. DH will provide £60m and distribute it alongside the PTB. The Home Office will provide £35m. Both streams will be allocated according to the DIP model and the total amount for each individual area will be communicated shortly.

Funding for drug treatment in English prisons will become the sole responsibility of DH from 2011-12. Allocations will be made in due course via the Strategic Health Authority bundle.

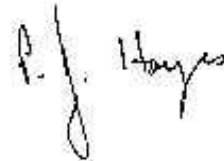
The overall amount available from government to support community delivery of treatment and recovery in 2011-12 will be £501.7m. This commitment supports the recent priorities on drugs as set out in the Drugs Strategy.

We believe the sum is sufficient to enable the field to deliver the aspirations set out in the Drug Strategy and continue to make progress in 2011-12 towards a recovery-focussed treatment system, and that by committing to one funding pot all areas will be able to absorb any local effect of the reduction in funding through efficiency savings.

The Drug Strategy sets an ambitious agenda for local treatment systems to transform themselves into recovery systems, work that has already started in a number of areas. Areas can now be confident that they have the central government resources to plan to achieve this ambition.



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