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A message from Baroness Doreen Massey, NTA Chair

In April 2013, subject to the Health and Social Care Bill becoming law, local authorities will become responsible for commissioning effective drug treatment and recovery services. An effective approach to tackling substance misuse will require partnership working across local authorities, health bodies and criminal justice agencies. The object is not only for individuals to overcome dependency, but to be in employment, have stable accommodation, look after their families, and cease committing crime.

Over the last year, in preparation for the move to Public Health England, our NTA local teams have been working with partnerships to ensure sufficient resources are available in each local area to deliver the treatment aims and recovery outcomes of the Drug Strategy

[Read more](#)

Why invest in drug treatment?



The Why Invest? presentation shows how investing in local drug treatment and recovery services benefits individuals, strengthens families and makes communities safer. It complements specialist material about planning and commissioning local recovery-oriented services that is available.

[More information](#)

Payment by results update

As we approach the launch of PbR, ministers have been out visiting the early adopters.

This first round of visits to the eight partnerships involved in the pilot programme finishes next month with a visit to the northern partnerships, centred in Wakefield on 2 February, and a meeting with Bracknell Forest DAT on 6 February.

[More on PbR](#)

Joint Strategic Needs Assessment support material



To deliver the best outcomes for drug misusers, their families and communities it is important that work already underway to build effective recovery systems is accelerated. Planning is key and successful plans will be based on the local needs and community assets assessment, and will reflect evidence.

[More information](#)

Together we stand

16 February 2012

The NTA is pleased to be supporting the 5th national service user conference in Birmingham.

Will you be there?

[Further information](#)

Residential treatment providers meet



Representatives of residential drug and alcohol treatment providers came together last Thursday (26th January) to discuss the challenges the sector faces from an increasing appetite for outcome based commissioning, including payment by results, in public services and an analysis of preliminary performance data for the sector.

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