

# **East Renfrewshire Alcohol and Drugs Partnership**

**Strategy 2020-23**

**Reducing Alcohol and Drug Related Harm**

**Progress Report**

**April 2022**

## Introduction

East Renfrewshire Alcohol and Drugs Partnership brings local partners together to take a whole systems approach to reducing drug and alcohol related harm. Our services focus on a person-centred approach to ensure individuals with harmful alcohol and / or drug use feel supported, included and respected.

The Alcohol and Drugs Strategic Plan for 2020-23 was approved and published in September 2020 with a range of actions agreed to deliver on the priorities set out in Rights, Respect and Recovery:

- Early intervention and prevention
- Fewer people develop problem drug use
- Recovery oriented approaches
- Public health approach to justice

The diagram overleaf shows the priority actions agreed under each of these themes.

Partners are now more than halfway through the delivery period of the strategy and, although the strategy was written during the Covid-19 pandemic and reflected the key challenges it presented, there have been further considerable changes at national level since then. The launch of the national Drugs Mission, including the implementation of the Medication Assisted Treatment Standards, increased focus on access to residential rehabilitation and family support, has instigated a significant programme of change within local alcohol and drugs services and partnerships. Partners have been urgently responding to the Drugs Mission while also delivering on the existing strategy actions.

This progress report contains key data updates, action updates as well as a small number of more detailed case studies.

## Intermediate Outcome

We will know we are making good steps along

Residents are protected from drug and alcohol related harm

## STRATEGY ON A PAGE

### Our contribution:

So what we need to achieve is:

A strong focus on prevention and early intervention

Recovery focused and person centred services

The needs of families of individuals with harmful alcohol and / or drug use are prioritised

The needs of individuals in justice setting with harmful alcohol and / or drug use are prioritised

### Critical activities:

We will do this by:

Promoting health improvement resources to enable informed choices about alcohol and drugs and tackle health inequalities

Implementing an effective approach to Alcohol Brief Interventions

Assessing the level of provision of licensed premises in Barrhead

Working together with individuals with lived experience to improve services and outcomes and build recovery communities

Enhancing skills and knowledge of alcohol and drugs partners to support individuals in their recovery

Increasing the distribution of Naloxone to prevent drug related deaths

Enabling participation in Treatment and recovery through targeting hardest to reach and tackling digital poverty

Working in partnership to improve housing and employability outcomes for individuals

Working jointly to support families to recover from alcohol and drugs

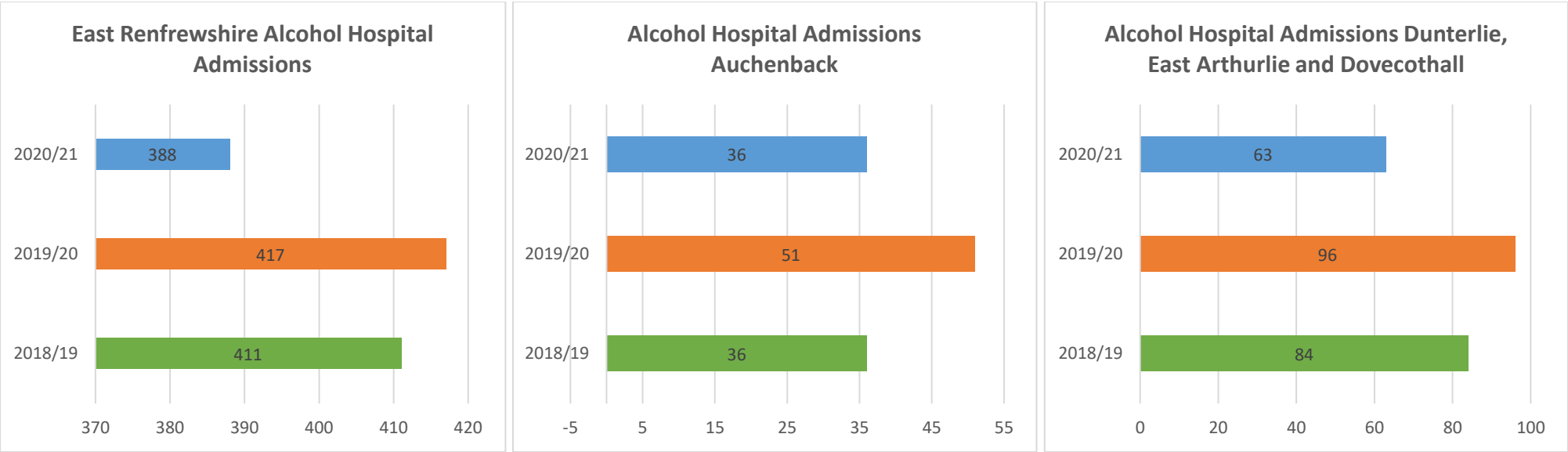
Strengthening practice in Signs of Safety approach to child protection across alcohol and drugs partners

Developing a multi-agency service to meet the needs of women in the justice setting

Working with Police Scotland on the delivery of the Greater Glasgow Division Drugs Strategy

Assessing health needs of community justice service users

Section 1: Key Data Updates

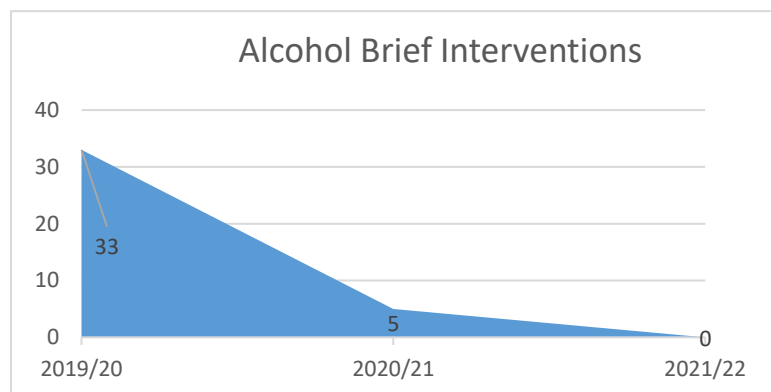


All rates calculated per 100,000 population and show that the East Renfrewshire hospital stay rate has reduced by 7% in past year and 5.5% since 2018/19. Others area have also reduced with Auchenback by 41% and Dunterlie, East Arthurlie and Dovecothall by 52%. There are a number of complex factors that influence hospital admissions. East Dunbartonshire ADP hospital admissions are slightly higher than East Renfrewshire (415 per 100,000 in 2020/21 and 441 for 2019/20, showing slight reduction of 6%.

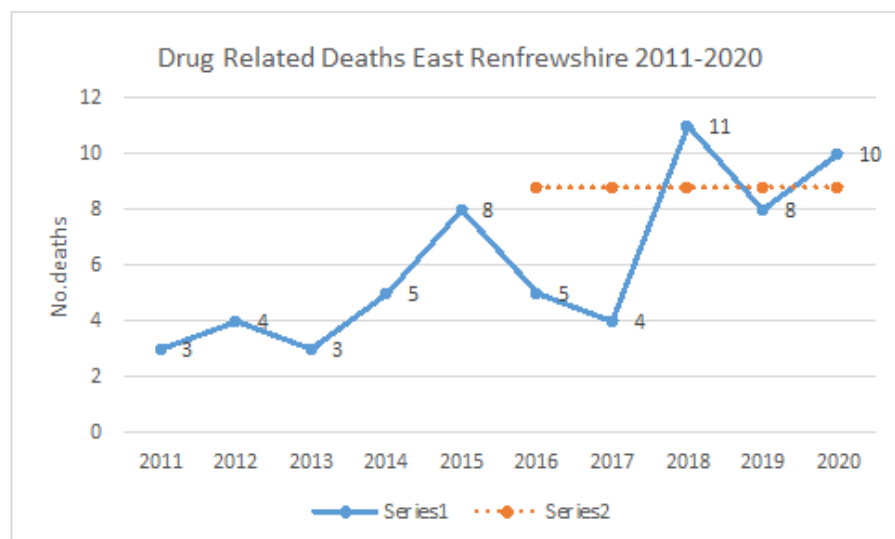
Drug related hospital admissions		
	2018/19	2019/20
Drug Related Hospital Admissions	76.64	85.26

Data shows age-sex standardised rate per 100,000 and 3 year aggregates for East Renfrewshire shows a slight increase of 11%. As a comparator, East Dunbartonshire area has recorded a slightly higher rate of hospital admissions in the same timeframe although has remained more stable (2018/19 – 100.25 and 2019/20 - 103.37, a very slight increase of 3%)

## Delivery of Alcohol Brief Interventions



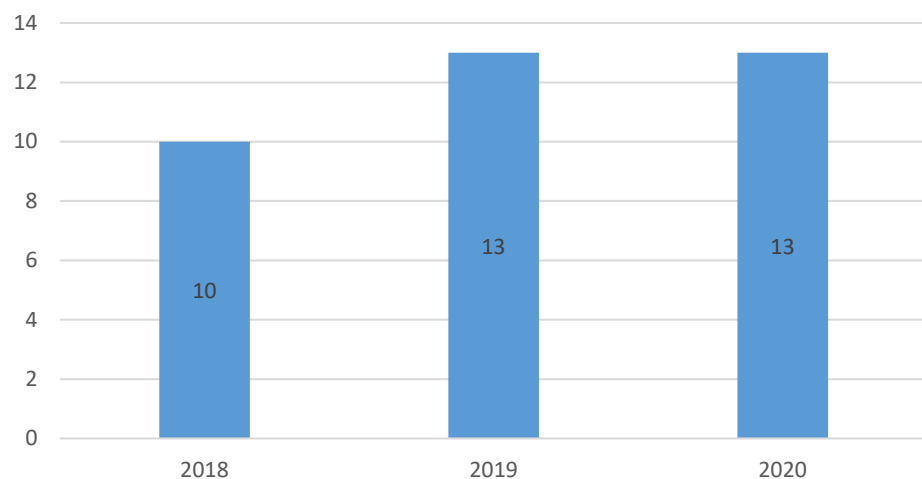
The number of Alcohol Brief Interventions being completed in East Renfrewshire have been in decline. These were affected further during Covid-19 period from 2020 with numbers reducing from 33 in 2019 to nil return for 2021/22 however the ADP has approved funding for commissioned ABI work in the coming months to get this work progressing again.



National Records Scotland analysis of age standardised death rate over period 2016-2020 shows East Renfrewshire has the lowest five year average death rate in mainland Scotland (8.8). Dundee City has the highest with 43.1 followed by Glasgow (39.8). East Dunbartonshire, a similar area in terms of population and demographics had 9.5. 2021 data is expected to be published in the summer.

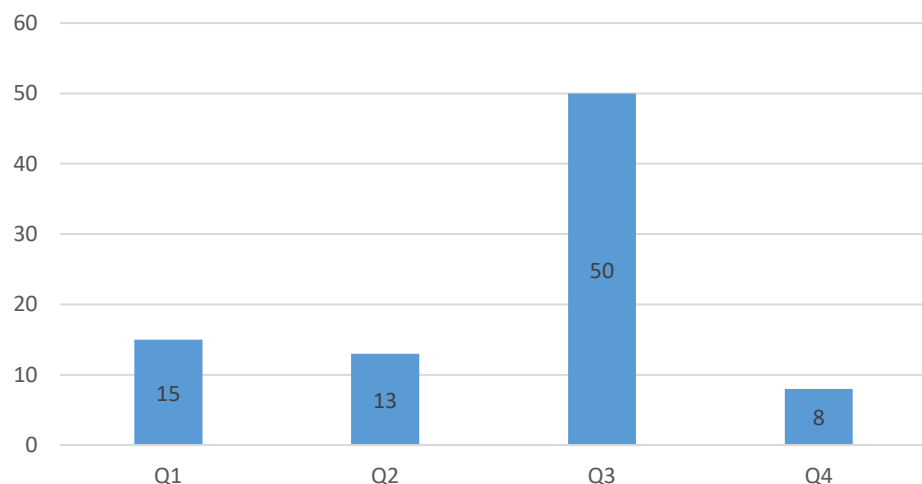
Source: National Records of Scotland

### Alcohol Specific Deaths

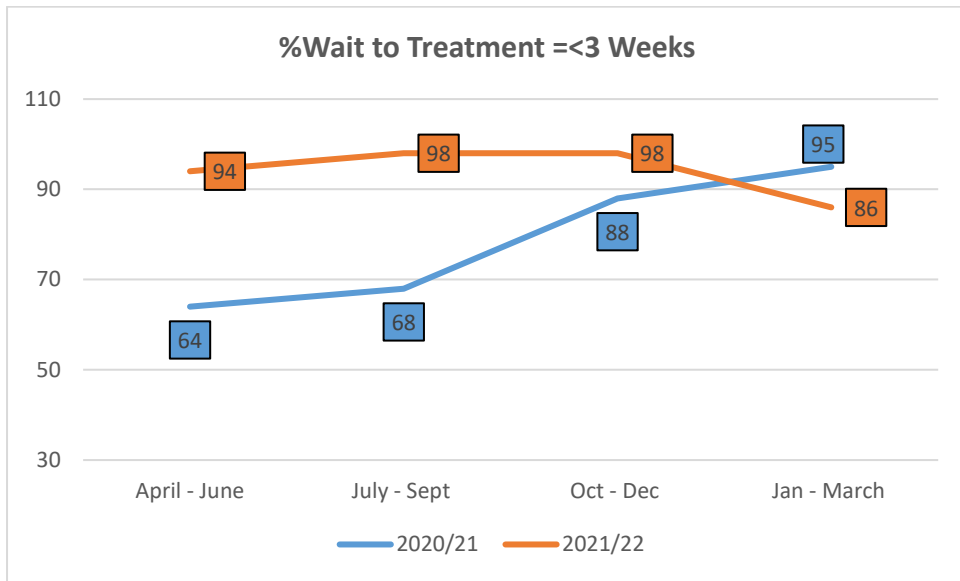


- The number of alcohol specific deaths in **East Renfrewshire** in 2020 is the same as in 2019 – 13 deaths, while the national figures increased by 17%.
- The annual number of deaths over the last decade in East Renfrewshire has ranged from a low of 7 in 2015 to a high of 14 deaths in 2016.
- The five year average per 100,000 age-standardised population, a more reliable measure due to the small numbers of deaths in the area, shows that East Renfrewshire has had an average five year rate of either 11 or 12 alcohol specific deaths, the lowest in the GGC area.

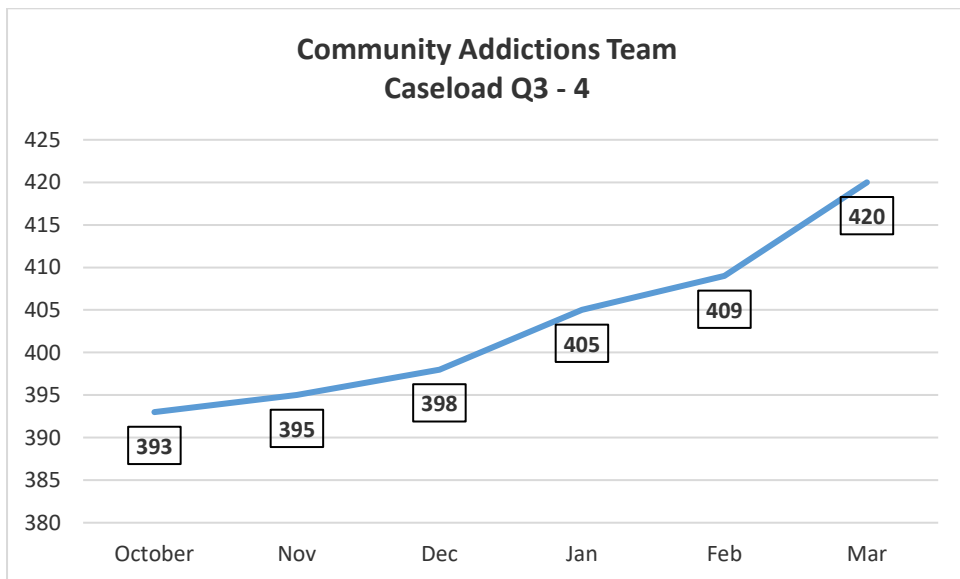
### Naloxone Distribution 2021 - 2022



Naloxone distribution has increased by 26% in 2021/22 to 86 from 66 kits issued in 2020/21. Source – Local Recording Log



In 2021-22, the new national drug and alcohol information system, DAISy, was launched. The system is now well-embedded within local services and after some delays, reports on waiting times can now be generated. Also in 2020/21 the Team were impacted by Covid restrictions and staff shortages which contributed to the fall in patients waiting for treatment but the Team was able to fill a number of vacancies and have improved waiting times over the past year, meeting the target consistently, with a slight drop in Q4 due to administration delay in recording appointments, which have since been rectified.



In the last 6 months till March 2022 the caseload has increased by 7%, which might also reflect the increase in the wait times for team

## Section 2: Action Updates

Action Description	Lead Organisation and Partners	Update April 2022
<b>Prevention</b>		
Develop and deliver a whole population health improvement approach to promote informed choices in relation to alcohol and drugs and promote positive mental health and wellbeing, through access to accurate, consistent and reliable information, which takes account of the needs of various target groups, life stages and socio-economic and health inequalities	East Renfrewshire HSCP	Development of a Communications plan for 2022/2023 to support health events and health promotion activity. Campaigns will aim to educate, increase awareness, reduce stigma and support positive health and wellbeing. Paid campaigns have been implemented with Breathing Space and the new Togetherall platform. The communications plans explores new methods of communication such as marketing techniques with the aim of maximising reach specifically with "hard to reach groups" including young people aged 18-25. Digital and face to face approaches will be maximised as we move slowly to return to face to face services / delivery.
Development of robust Alcohol Brief Interventions approach, including training and capacity building of staff across a range of appropriate service providers and settings	East Renfrewshire HSCP	Agreement from ADP to invest in ABI delivery through the third sector. Quick Quote process underway to commission service provider who will deliver ABIs, ABI training and training for trainers over a 12 - 18 month period, with the aim of building local capacity for both training provision and ABI delivery.
Develop an overprovision assessment for Barrhead based on robust health and police data and engagement with local communities and other stakeholders and put forward for inclusion in East Renfrewshire licensing board policy statement	Police Scotland and East Renfrewshire HSCP	Work now rescheduled to Year 3
Provide updated guidance on managing incidents of drug and alcohol misuse, with associated training based on the Substance Misuse Toolkit.	East Renfrewshire Council (Education)	Guidance on managing incidents of drug and alcohol misuse has been developed, shared with and presented to head teachers of all East Renfrewshire schools in all sectors. Anecdotal feedback from head teachers suggests that the guidance has provided greater clarity when dealing with these situations. It has not yet been possible to provide training for pastoral care school staff on the Substance Misuse Toolkit as an NHS led team are still updating this resource.

Develop and deliver a health improvement approach to alcohol, drugs, mental health and wellbeing with children and young people to promote informed choices in relation to alcohol and drugs and promote positive mental health and wellbeing, through access to accurate, consistent and reliable information	East Renfrewshire HSCP, East Renfrewshire	Covid restrictions have made it very difficult to engage with young people in-person. The Community Learning and Development team have been critical in maintaining engagement and building relationships with young people through a detached outreach model. During the period June-December 2020 the CLD team had 4774 interactions with young people (this counts interactions not individuals). From March 2021-present CLD have continued to engage with a high number of young people during detached with 3365 interactions and in October 2021 a weekend outreach programme was developed. Staff adopt a harm reduction approach when discussing young people's safety, risk taking behaviours, drug and alcohol consumption and anti-social behaviour. The issues identified during outreach inform the development of programmes in schools. Alcohol and Drugs Partnership funding has been allocated to continue the detached outreach weekend programme from October 2022 to March 2023.
<b>Recovery</b>		
Strengthen user involvement and influence in the design and delivery of services across the Alcohol and Drugs Partnership, through a peer research approach	East Renfrewshire HSCP (Recovery Services)	The East Renfrewshire programme has been progressing well, with a contract in place with Figure 8 Consultancy to develop and run the programme. Six peer researchers with a range of lived experience were recruited for the first round of training, including individuals with experience through their family member's alcohol or drug harm, those who have been engaged with services locally and peer researchers from out with East Renfrewshire, who provided a valuable mentoring role within the programme as well as supporting the research. The first study focused on service user experience of the provision of Opiate Substitution Treatment and 14 in-depth qualitative interviews were conducted with service users. The report is now influencing improvements to Community Addictions Services. A further four volunteers have joined the peer research group and a second study – Community Needs Assessment – is now at design stage.
Enhance skills and knowledge in trauma aware and trauma informed practice across the Alcohol and Drug Partnership	East Renfrewshire HSCP	Consideration of trauma informed practice development within the team will be considered as part of Medication Assisted Treatment implementation over the next 6-12 months.
Increase the distribution of Naloxone to drug users and their family members, carers and friends, to prevent drug overdose and deaths	East Renfrewshire HSCP (Community Addictions Service)	86 kits have been issued this past year. Prescriptions are issued to current caseload and kept up to date with replacements being issued when out of date.

<p>Joint work with Penumbra, Community Addictions Service and community-based recovery groups to develop sustainable recovery approach, including peer support and sustainable group approaches, fit for purpose in the post-Covid-19 community, across HSCP, third and community sectors</p>	<p>East Renfrewshire HSCP Penumbra Recovery community/lived experience groups</p>	<p>The peer support service is now well established and the Year 1 evaluation was extremely positive. As at May 2022, 38 people are being supported by the service, while 23 people await support. 11 people have received peer support and moved on from the service, having completed the recovery goals they had set. A 0.4FTE vacancy has recently been recruited, helping to reduce the number of people waiting. A programme of group support has just been launched and initial feedback is positive, with people enjoying the opportunity to meet others with similar experiences.</p> <p>The service uses the iRoc (individual recovery outcomes counter) tool to measure individual's progress. Repeat iRocs carried out in the first half of 2021 show progress in key factors such as Mental Health and Life Skills,</p> <p>PARTNER recovery group re-established in person meetings within community premises (Barrhead Foundry) in February 2022, supported by the Alcohol and Drugs Partnership. The group has a stable membership of 12, and new members have been supported to attend the group through the links with the Community Addictions Service. PARTNER have also made strong links with the peer research group and are working with Scottish Recovery Consortium on a development plan.</p>
<p>Maximise participation in services through: addressing digital poverty and assertive outreach work to engage with the hardest to reach individuals at risk of overdose/relapse to encourage retention in treatment</p>	<p>East Renfrewshire HSCP</p>	<p>Penumbra have been appointed to deliver the peer navigators test of change and have successfully recruited a support manager and one of the peer navigator and continue to recruit for the remaining peer role. Two service design group meetings have been held and lived experience engagement informed the peer role descriptions. Initial pathways to peer navigator service are currently being developed and it is hoped the services will be operational by the summer.</p> <p>More than 30 devices and internet connection packages issued to alcohol and drugs service users through Scottish Government Connecting Scotland programme. Devices have supported people in recovery through ability to access online recovery groups, use online tutorials in music and creative activities and keep in touch with the service, family and friends.</p>

ADP representatives will participate in the Local Employability Partnership groups and work closely with all employability partners to ensure that access to employment and vocational training opportunities form an integral part of the overall recovery approach.	East Renfrewshire Council East Renfrewshire HSCP Penumbra RCA Trust	<p>Continued partnership working via the Local Employability Partnership. Work EastRen, the Council's employability service, will continue to offer person-centred employability support via our Health Barriers programme and other targeted support including the Long Term Unemployed job creation programme.</p> <p>A number of posts have been created within the ADP area through commissioned services that have lived experience within the criteria which provides employment opportunities locally as well as increasing the influence of lived experience within service delivery.</p>
Redesign the delivery of Opiate Substitution Therapy (OST) – to, encourage ownership of treatment and recovery, promote independence, reduce stigma and encourage increased engagement in psycho-social interventions	East Renfrewshire HSCP (Community Addictions Service)	<p>The first peer research study on experiences of Opiate Substitution Treatment has been completed and the Community Addictions Service have been proactive in taking forward improvements, in particular, implementation of the Medication Assisted Treatment Standards. A new Standard Operating Procedure has been implemented, ensuring opiate referrals are identified on receipt, and fast tracked to assessment, with medication starting, where possible, on the same day of presentation. Website information has been updated for MAT provision and service user leaflets promoting MAT have been updated and will be circulated widely to encourage uptake of services. Processes to capture data and monitor implementation have been developed. Recruitment is underway to increase capacity of the team to deliver the Standards, in particular to increase prescribing provision to 5 days per week. The Buvidal clinic continues to operate and the number of people on the treatment (a long acting injectable buprenorphine) has increased from 14 in the pilot stage to 23.</p>
ADP representatives will work with Housing to develop a clear understanding of the particular requirements of individuals with harmful alcohol / drug use in need of housing	East Renfrewshire Housing	<p>Naloxone training has been provided to key housing / homelessness staff.</p> <p>RCA Trust are currently working with 60 individuals to support them within their housing/tenancies, including support such as tenancy sustainment, budgeting, liaising with other local services including St Andrew's House, Money Advice and Rights Team, Social Work and Housing.</p> <p>Case Study Example: M is a 40 year old woman who a history of alcohol and drugs use, a history of homelessness and family and relationship difficulties. M moved into one of our supported accommodation flats to gain extra support from our service. She was in the programme for 18 months during which she remained abstinent, reengaged with her family and made good progress across all areas of her life. She has recently moved into her own tenancy and is flourishing in her own flat.</p>

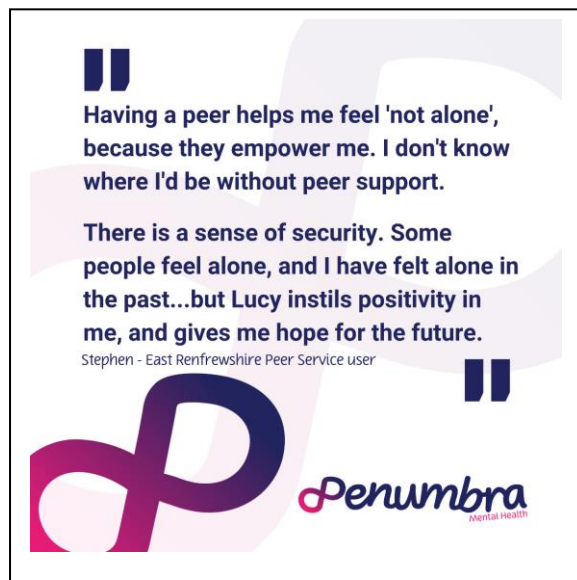
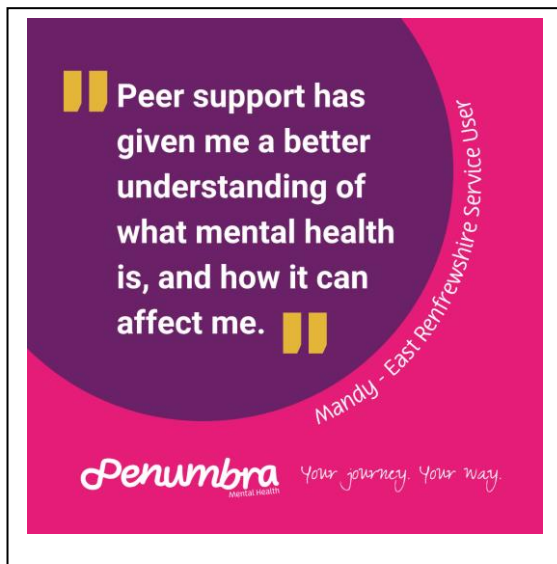
Whole Family Approach		
Strengthen links between alcohol and drugs services and children and families, including exploring further the impact of Covid-19 and lockdown on children and families and the initial assessments citing parental alcohol and drug use	East Renfrewshire HSCP (Community Addictions Service and Social Work)	<p>Some early engagement work has been carried out with families including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Care experienced young people</li> <li>- Families supported by social work (mums and dads)</li> <li>- Adult family members with long experiences of family member substance use</li> </ul> <p>A partner working group will be formed in the summer to take forward findings, continue to engage with lived experience, strengthen existing services and development investment proposals for new services and supports for families.</p> <p>The addictions team social worker is strengthening links between the addictions team and children and families provided some specific person-centred supports to young people who are experiencing alcohol and drug harms</p>
Increase awareness of the family support service within the community addictions service, for self-referrals and referrals from other local services	East Renfrewshire HSCP	<p>A new community recovery team coordinator (also covering family support) is now in post and addiction support worker vacancies are in the process of been filled which would then bring the team to full capacity. Work to raise awareness and increase uptake will be undertaken over the coming months and link in with the wider partnership work to implement the whole family support framework.</p> <p>Family support will be introduced at the earliest point from referral and revisited throughout the recovery journey of individuals. There is also work underway to incorporate family involvement within an individuals Recovery Care Plan.</p> <p>Publicity information including website will be reviewed and updated.</p>
Develop strong, consistent practice in Signs of Safety approach to child protection across alcohol and drugs services and the wider Alcohol and Drugs Partnership	East Renfrewshire HSCP	There are strong, existing arrangements in place, however this will be expanded upon as part of the Drugs Mission family support development work.

Public Health Approach to Justice		
Development of a women's justice service to ensure the specific needs of women are met through a range of services from partner agencies such as housing. Development of a women's justice service to ensure the specific needs of women are met through a range of services from partner agencies such as housing.	East Renfrewshire HSCP	<p>The Justice Service continues to support women who are convicted of offences and have been sentenced to Community Based disposals by the courts. The service also works closely with the Scottish Prison Service (SPS) in respect of women who are in custody and due for release on Voluntary or Statutory Throughcare.</p> <p>The range of supports made available include: help with finance/welfare benefits, Housing needs, accessing Addiction services, Health, Leisure Services and assisting in the resettlement of women in the community following release from custody. The service now has 2 support workers who have a clear role in supporting women subject to Statutory supervision, voluntary after care, Structured Deferred Sentence and Diversion. There are strong links with Adult services, Housing and Addictions as well as Voluntary Sector and Third Sector agencies who often assist in providing placement opportunities for women who are completing Unpaid Work hours as a requirement of their Community Payback Order.</p>
Health needs assessment of individuals involved with community justice, recognising individuals involved with criminal justice have distinct health characteristics related to trauma, resulting from physical and sexual abuse, mental health, drug and alcohol use and history of broken relationships with statutory health care providers such as GPs	East Renfrewshire HSCP	This has not been progressed at the time of preparing the report due to the impact of COVID. However this initiative is about to get underway.
Mentors in violence programme – a preventative approach to reducing violence	East Renfrewshire HSCP	The Mentors in Violence Prevention (MVP) programme has been established in four of the seven East Renfrewshire secondary schools, following training for school staff and partners (inc. Police, Community Learning and Development, Social Work, Women's Aid) in May 2021. The other three secondary schools will be trained in May 2022. It is too early to measure impact of the programme in schools, as Covid restrictions have delayed implementation so the focus has been on training pupil mentors in school.
Work with Police Scotland on the delivery of the Greater Glasgow Division Drugs Strategy actions specific to East Renfrewshire across all strands of the Alcohol and Drugs Plan including early intervention and prevention and the public health approach to justice	Police Scotland	Bespoke SAMH training package funded by the Alcohol and Drugs Partnership for police response officers and two of three sessions have now taken place. The training covers a broad range of mental health issues, tackles prejudices and promotes early identification of members of community who have dependencies and mental health issues. This approach promotes Vulnerable Person's Database route to local support services via the concern hub. The training will provide Mental Health Champions on all our response / community policing shifts. MH Champions will be able to promote access to ERC Peer Navigators (currently being recruited). All campus officers and community officers in East Renfrewshire received NES (NHS) Trauma informed

		<p>training during 2021 – which again tackles prejudices. East Renfrewshire is the only sub division in Greater Glasgow to do so and this is being seen as best practice;</p> <p>Promotion of access to GORT services – briefing slides to all East Ren officers and request made piece to camera inputs so we can raise awareness further across all shifts;</p> <p>Naloxone Test of Change – all officers in East Ren will in due course be trained to carry Naloxone in line with national rollout programme which is being planned (within the next 18 months)</p> <p>Custody Peer Mentors in G Division Custody Suites are also support route in to support services in East Renfrewshire and will also build links with the peer navigators.</p>
<b>ADP Commitments</b>		
Involving individuals with lived experience to ensure that services are person-centred, supportive and inclusive	East Renfrewshire HSCP	<p>Four interested and committed volunteers have come forward for the Panel and have been working with The Advocacy Project on where they would like to see changes in services, what their role as a Panel may look like. They have attended a Community Addictions Services team meeting, met with the Lead Planner for Recovery Services to discuss priorities and have engaged with the local peer research group. An introductory meeting with the Chair of the ADP has identified some initial support arrangements for the Panel to develop its role. There is a development plan in place for the group to ensure they are supported to design/develop their role within the Alcohol and Drugs Partnership structure. The role of the Panel is critical in how the ADP operates in future.</p>
Ongoing evaluation of emerging evidence about alcohol and drugs, including the ongoing impact of Covid-19 (on overall wellbeing, inequalities, and alcohol and drug trends) to ensure that actions remain relevant and impactful. (Tracy)	East Renfrewshire HSCP	<p>This is an ongoing area of work. The ADP support team, working with key services, have undertaken review drug related deaths to inform prevention work, national statistics on drug related deaths and alcohol specific deaths, Covid surveillance reports published by Public Health Scotland, as well as the information gathered through working with lived experience groups.</p>

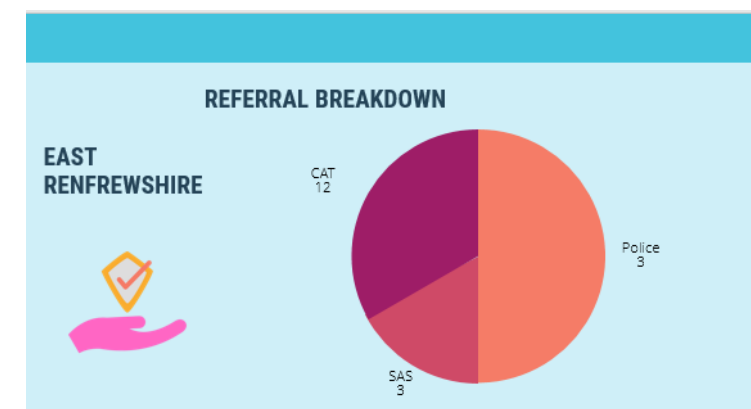
### Section 3: Case Studies

<b>Name of Case Study Project</b>	High School – Targeted Group Work sessions
<b>Service Area</b>	Community Learning and Development
<p>Description of event/project:</p> <p>The service is currently delivering targeted group work sessions in Williamwood High School to groups of pupils in S3 and S4. Group members have been identified by their head of year and or behaviour support teachers as being at risk due to their behaviour in school and in the community. CLD staff have designed and developed a 7 - 12 week programme (flexible to suit the needs of the school and the young people) based on areas of concern/issues that staff have identified during detached youth work as the basis for the programme content. As with all CLD programmes content and delivery style is flexible and young people are encouraged to share views, opinions and engage in discussion.</p> <p>The CLD worker who delivers the programme uses the first session to identify the priority of certain topics based on group conversations e.g. the S4 young people spoke about cannabis a lot therefore the focus of the first session looked at harms, effects, legalisation etc. One group spoke about smoking and vaping so the first session focused on this.</p> <p>From <b>Jan – March 2022 47 young people</b> will participate in early intervention/prevention programmes in school.</p>	
<p><b>Feedback from the first group participants</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• “Been good to ask questions that I would defo not ask my teachers”</li><li>• “Had no idea that some drugs could do these things to me”</li><li>• “This stuff is actually quite interesting”</li><li>• “Loved the beer goggle challenge”</li><li>• “STI’s are horrible I’m never getting one”</li></ul> <p><b>Head of year feedback</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• “Impressed by the class attendance and promptness of pupils as they are prone to skipping class or turning up late but have been on time to all these sessions.</li></ul> <p>Staff also report that they young people have expressed to them their interest and enjoyment of the programme content.</p>	



<b>Name of Case Study Project</b>	East Renfrewshire Peer Support Service
<b>Service Area</b>	Penumbra and East Renfrewshire HSCP
<p>East Renfrewshire Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP) is committed to embedding peer support for recovery within statutory services - for individuals with harmful alcohol and / or drug use, and individuals with mental health issues. The HSCP wishes to achieve positive outcomes for people in recovery by exploring the extent and potential for people with lived experience to work alongside people in recovery and those with clinical experience.</p> <p>The HSCP commissioned <u>Penumbra</u> to develop and deliver the Peer Support Service in East Renfrewshire. This was the first service in East Renfrewshire operating jointly across alcohol and drugs and mental health, recognising that peer support for recovery has the potential to be effective in both settings. The East Renfrewshire Peer Service was launched in September 2020 and is delivered by a recovery team that includes an area manager, a recovery practitioner, and two whole time equivalent peer workers who work with mental health and addiction teams.</p> <p>A peer support champions group including Penumbra team staff, a champion from each referring service (community addictions team, adult mental health team, RCA Trust and RAMH) meets regularly. The focus of the champions group is to help embed peer support within services through enabling peer worker participation in team meetings and multi-disciplinary team meetings, promoting the service and ensuring referrals are considered and appropriate.</p> <p>Penumbra have recently launched a group work programme. This will help to ensure more people receive support, giving people the option of 1-1 support, group or both. Group themes include anxiety management, sleeping well, walk and talk, mindfulness, and exploring creative activities such as painting and photography. The outcomes of the group programme will inform further activity. Qualitative feedback from supported people continues to be positive.</p>	
<div> <div> <p>“</p> <p>"It has helped me no end. It's been a new light in my life. I didn't have confidence. I had low self-esteem. I didn't have the confidence to speak to people. I can speak to people now, I can go into a shop and if I don't see something, if I can't find something, I can ask."</p> <p>Voice of person supported by the service: Interviewee 4</p> </div> <div> <p>HSCP and Penumbra continue to work closely in developing the services, prioritising in particular, maximising the capacity of the service and ensuring wait times are low, ensuring that peer support is considered widely within teams (mindful particularly of a lower proportion of men referred to the service) and continuing to ensure peer support is viewed as an integral part of service supports in mental health and alcohol and drugs services.</p> </div> </div>	

<b>Name of Case Study Project</b>	New alcohol and drug service developments
<b>Service Area</b>	Overdose Response Team
<p>Many developments have taken place in national policy and direction since the Strategy was launched and this has already resulted in the transformation of services available at local level in East Renfrewshire.</p> <p>Turning Point Scotland, having secured funding from the Drugs Death Task Force, approached East Renfrewshire to deliver an Overdose Response Service, also covering Renfrewshire and Inverclyde areas.</p> <p>Rapid response to non-fatal overdoses, providing a short, focused period of support to each person, assertively engaging the individual with mainstream services.</p> <p>GGCORT is specifically developed around MAT 3, 4, and 5</p> <p>This is an assertive outreach service, providing a 24-48 hour response 7 days per week. Referral pathways have been developed with Police Scotland, Scottish Ambulance Service and local alcohol and drugs and other services, as well as self-referrals.</p> <p>The service works closely in partnership with Community Addictions Teams, care managers and prescribers to support people into Medications Assisted Treatment services. Information about MAT is offered at the first appointment with support to arrange appointments on the same day or within the same week, and 4 week follow ups. Interventions take a harm reduction approach including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Overdose awareness (with individuals and any family members of friends present)</li> <li>• Naloxone training and supply</li> <li>• Injecting equipment provisions</li> <li>• Safe injecting</li> <li>• Safe sex advice and condoms provision</li> </ul> <p>From 15 September to 20 May, in East Renfrewshire:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 18 referrals received, with 80% responded to within 24 hours</li> <li>• 63 Naloxone kits given with training</li> </ul> <p>Partners will continue to work together on this exciting service development and enhance the connections with other services in the areas, particularly the peer navigators test of change, which is a natural follow on support from the overdose response interventions.</p>	



## Section 4: Upcoming developments

Over the coming months, a number of new developments will progress and will be featured in the next report, including:

WAND Harm Reduction Outreach Initiative – Turning Point Scotland were recently successful in a bid to the Drugs Mission fund for this initiative which will deliver across parts of Glasgow City, East Dunbartonshire and East Renfrewshire. The Alcohol and Drugs Partnership supported the bid and the WAND approach will support the ADP to deliver on the MAT Standards, in particular Standard 4 on harm reduction provision. The initiative will provide an alternative way for individuals to access services, advice and information. ADP Partners will work closely with Turning Point to guide and support the implementation of the approach, including advising on locations, promotion and awareness raising across both communities and local services and tackling stigma.

Peer navigators – this service will get underway in the coming weeks and begin to report on engagement, impact and learning that will inform the test of change.

Peer Naloxone Champion – this new post has been created through the No One Left Behind employability fund and employed by RCA Trust. Plans include community outreach events to promote Naloxone, encourage take-up of kits and training, and engaging with a wide range of frontline services to educate and raise awareness and encourage carrying of Naloxone where appropriate.

Further development of the recovery community, in partnership with local lived experience groups, including the peer researchers and Lived Experience Panel