WORKING TOGETHER TO REDUCE HARM DELIVERY PLAN (2016-18)

Consultation by Welsh Government

Deadline for responses: 29 February 2016
All comments to: policywales@bma.org.uk

DETAILS OF CONSULTATION:
The Welsh Government is seeking views on a delivery plan for the final three years of its current strategy on substance abuse, ‘Working Together to Reduce Harm’, which was first published in 2008.

In developing this plan, the Welsh Government has aligned the key aims of the 10 year strategy against the high level substance misuse outcomes of the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015. They say that the plan has also been underpinned by the principles of prudent healthcare. Consideration has also been given to the recommendations of the inquiry by the National Assembly’s Health and Social Care Committee into new psychoactive substances published in March 2015, as well as those of the committee’s inquiry into alcohol and substance misuse published in August 2015.

Details of this consultation, including the proposed delivery plan, can be found via the following link: http://gov.wales/consultations/healthsocialcare/working-together/?status=open&lang=en

If submitting a response to this consultation, please have regard to the following questions on which the Welsh Government is seeking views:

1. Are the outcomes the right outcomes? (Please answer this in relation to each of the five key aims.) If answering ‘no’ or ‘partly’, please provide an explanation and alternative suggestions.
2. Are the broad actions the right ones to achieve these outcomes? (Please answer this in relation to each of the five key aims.) If answering ‘no’ or ‘partly’, please provide an explanation and suggested broad actions that may be taken by relevant partner organisations.
3. **Key Aim 1: Preventing Harm.** Are there any other specific actions under Key Aim 1 we should be taking to prevent harm? If answering ‘yes’, please provide an explanation of how the additional specific action suggested might contribute to the delivery of an identified outcome.
4. **Key Aim 2: Support for substance misusers to improve their health and aid and maintain recovery.** Are there other specific actions we should be taking to support substance misusers? If answering ‘yes’, please provide an explanation of how the additional specific action suggested might contribute to the delivery of an identified outcome.
5. **Key Aim 3: Supporting and protecting families.** Are there other specific actions we should be taking to support and protect families? If answering ‘yes’, please provide an explanation of how the specific action might contribute to the delivery of an identified outcome.
6. **Key Aim 4: Tackling availability and protecting individuals and communities via enforcement activity.** Are there other specific actions we should be taking to tackle availability and protecting individuals via enforcement activity? If answering ‘yes’, please provide an explanation of how the specific action might contribute to the delivery of an identified outcome.
7. **Key Aim 5: Delivering the strategy and supporting partner agencies.** Are there other specific actions should we consider to support the delivery of the strategy?
8. We would welcome your views on the potential impact of the proposals for people with the following protected characteristics: Disability; Race; Gender and gender reassignment; Age; Religion and belief and non-belief; Sexual orientation; Human Rights; Children and young people.

9. We would also welcome your views on the potential impact of the proposals on the Welsh Language.

10. We have asked a number of specific questions. If you have any related issues which we have not specifically addressed, please comment.