

Housing, Homelessness and Substance Misuse: developing effective responses

**Organised by Scottish Drugs Forum
on behalf of
The Homelessness and Substance
Misuse Advisory Group**

**The Beardmore Hotel, Clydebank
8th February 2010**

FREE admission
for those who have a confirmed reserved place
(see back page for details)

About this event

This event will launch important recommendations on the design and delivery of effective services which prevent homelessness and address substance use.

The Homelessness and Substance Misuse Advisory Group was established to advise the Scottish Government on breaking the link between homelessness and alcohol and drug misuse so that homelessness was not caused by or a cause of substance misuse.

In 2008 the Advisory Group commissioned the research publication *Effective Services for Substance Misuse and Homelessness in Scotland: Evidence from an International Review*.

This report forms the basis for the recommendations paper that will be launched at this event. The recommendations paper sets out the basis for addressing the complex relationship between homelessness and substance use.

Who should attend?

This event will be attended by a full range of stakeholders:

- policy makers and strategy developers
- funders
- planners of local services
- Alcohol and Drug Partnerships
- commissioners
- management and staff of housing, homelessness, alcohol or drug services
- alcohol, drug, housing and homelessness service users

Programme

09:20 Coffee & Registration

09.50 Welcome & Introduction by Chair

Robert Aldridge, Chief Executive, Scottish Council for Single Homeless

10.00 Substance Misuse and Homelessness the challenge ahead

Nicola Sturgeon, Cabinet Secretary for Health & Wellbeing

10.20 Everyone's problem: Recommendations from the National Homelessness Substance Misuse Advisory Group

Val Holtom, Chair of the Advisory Group

10.40 Housing for drug users – A Dutch model

Alex Roomer, Irisz Org

11:05 Refreshment break

11:30 Housing for continuing drinkers – A Danish model

Peter Juul, Ministry of Interior & Social Affairs, Denmark

11:55 A Scottish Housing First Model

Turning Point, Scotland

12:10 Safe Space West Lothian

Edinburgh Cyrenians (tbc)

12:25 Dundee – Action for Children

12:40 Glasgow – The North East Community Alcohol Support Service

13:00 Lunch

14:00 Developing local responses

Roundtable discussion with key stakeholders

15:05 Refreshment break

15:30 Drafting plans, next steps and feedback

16:20 Close

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How to apply:

Return completed form(s) by 25 January 2010 to: **Lisa McKibben**, Scottish Drugs Forum, 91 Mitchell Street, Glasgow G1 3LN. or Fax to: 0141 248 6414

Booking Details

(Please complete this section for every delegate. Photocopies are acceptable.)

NOTE : There are very limited number of places at this event and demand is likely to be high. Organisers will ensure that there is a mix of representatives of all stakeholder groups. A confirmation of a reserve place will be sent to you. Only those who have received such a confirmation and have confirmed their attendance will be admitted to the event.

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Organisation

Address

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Postcode **Tel:**

Email (essential)

Signed:

How would your role be best described? (Please tick)

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| Service user | <input type="checkbox"/> | Frontline staff | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Manager of a service | <input type="checkbox"/> | Commissioner of services | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Service Planner | <input type="checkbox"/> | Policymaker | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Local Strategy Developer | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |

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