



# BSR

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**social responsibility (ni)**

STRATEGY AND PLAN FOR:

# Christian Action

on problematic drug and alcohol use

2005 - 2008



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# Introduction and Context

**The Church of Ireland (Col) recognises the need for a strategy and action on the increasing effects of problematic drug and alcohol use on society.**

The Board for Social Responsibility (NI) has commissioned a sub group to develop a strategy and action plan for the Northern dioceses to begin to deal in a Christian based way with this particular societal problem.



## Mission Statement

The Church of Ireland seeks to resource and support church and people in dealing with the issues relating to problematic drug and alcohol use through a spiritual framework.



# Underpinning Principles

**The Board for Social Responsibility (NI) drug and alcohol sub committee has the following as its guiding principles in relation to problematic drug and alcohol use.**

- It will work through a spiritual framework
- It will work as an agent of the full Board for Social Responsibility (NI)
- It will consider the individual, the family unit where appropriate and the community
- It will promote the raising of awareness of current issues
- It will form partnerships with other appropriate agencies
- It will commit to replying to government and other agencies consultation documents
- It will lobby appropriate bodies and individuals
- It will promote local work by Dioceses

# Prevention

## Aim

**To ensure that the right information gets to the right people through the right channels at the right time so that there is earlier identification of people at risk from the effects of problematic drug and alcohol use.**

## Objectives

1. To engage with statutory, voluntary and community agencies to ensure up to date information exchange
2. To source training for appropriate people at various appropriate levels
3. To raise awareness through information dissemination
4. To use the good offices of the Board to lobby for preventive measures

## Process to achieve objectives

### Objective 1

- Contact the Health and Social Services Boards Drug and Alcohol Coordinators and collate local information on services relating to problematic drug and alcohol use

### Objective 2

- Identify accredited, and appropriate multiagency training courses, for clergy and laity
- Set criteria for the candidates for training courses

### Objective 3

- Give information and presentation at diocesan clergy conferences and or diocesan synods
- Give information to all new clergy in parishes
- Give information to students in the theological college

### Objective 4

- Make a response to consultation documents
- Lobby on behalf of concerned individuals or groups

# Prevention

## Resources to achieve objectives

Hidden costs of human resource	
Cost of training course	£1000 per person
Cost of collation and dissemination of information	£1800
Presentations at synod etc	£150 per half day plus travelling
Meetings	£50 per meeting

## Evaluation

Objective	Process	Outcome	Responsible Person	Completion date	Status
To engage with statutory, voluntary and community agencies to ensure up to date information exchange	Contact the Health and Social Services Boards Drug and Alcohol Coordinators	Make information readily available locally	John McClure	June 2006	Ongoing
To engage with statutory, voluntary and community agencies to ensure up to date information exchange	Collate local information on services relating to problematic drug and alcohol use	Make information readily available locally	John McClure	December 2006	Ongoing
To source training for appropriate people at various appropriate levels	Identify accredited, and appropriate multiagency training courses, for clergy and laity to increase awareness	Access to an accredited and appropriate training course	Judith McGaffin	March 2005	Complete

# Prevention

## Evaluation continued...

Objective	Process	Outcome	Responsible Person	Completion date	Status
To source training for appropriate people at various appropriate levels	Set criteria for the candidates for training courses	Have appropriate people trained	Patrick Kellett	March 2005	Complete
To raise awareness through information dissemination	Give information and presentation at diocesan clergy conferences and or diocesan synods	To raise general awareness at parish level	Malcolm Ferry	April 2008	Ongoing
To raise awareness through information dissemination	Give information to all new clergy in parishes	To ensure continued awareness at local level	Malcolm Ferry	June 2007	Ongoing
To raise awareness through information dissemination	Give information to students in the theological college	To raise awareness in the pre ordination students	Malcolm Ferry	September 2006	Ongoing
To use the good offices of the Board to lobby for preventive measures	Make a response to consultation documents	To ensure that the Church of Ireland has a voice	Ian Slaine		Ongoing

# Intervention

## Aim

**To promote effective intervention and support for all people who are identified as having problematic drug and alcohol use, with special emphasis on the 15 - 18 year old population.**

## Objectives

1. To support the work of the Interchurch Addiction Project (ICAP)
2. To "quality assure" all programmes that we are aware of or become aware of against standards that are set by the committee
3. To collate and disseminate the information on intervention/recovery programmes

## Process to achieve objectives

### Objective 1

- Cross representation from the BSR Drug and Alcohol subcommittee on the ICAP committee

### Objective 2

- Set standards for intervention/recovery programmes

### Objective 3

- Give information and presentation at diocesan clergy conferences and or diocesan synods
- Give information to all new clergy in parishes
- Give information to students in the theological college

## Resources to achieve objectives

Hidden costs of human resource	
Cost of collation and dissemination of information	£1800
Presentations at synod etc	£150 per half day plus travelling
Meetings	£50 per meeting

# Intervention

## Evaluation

Objective	Process	Outcome	Responsible Person	Completion date	Status
To support the work of the Interchurch Addiction project	Cross representation from the BSR Drug and Alcohol subcommittee on the ICAP committee	To ensure continuity of approach for the whole cycle of Prevention, intervention and aftercare	John McClure	March 2005	Ongoing
To "quality assure" all programmes that we are aware of or become aware of against standards that are set by the committee	Set standards for intervention/recovery programmes	To ensure that a person in need of help is signposted to the most appropriate service	Rosemarie Armstrong-Woodroff	June 2008	Ongoing
To collate and disseminate the information on intervention/recovery programmes	Give information and presentation at diocesan clergy conferences and or diocesan synods	Increase access to appropriate information	Malcolm Ferry	April 2008	Ongoing
To collate and disseminate information on intervention/recovery programmes	Give information to all new clergy in parishes	Increase access to appropriate information	Malcolm Ferry	June 2007	Ongoing
To collate and disseminate the information on intervention/recovery programmes	Give information to students in the theological college	Increase access to appropriate information	Malcolm Ferry	September 2006	Ongoing

# Aftercare

## Aim

**To provide information to appropriate people to make the process of recovery as sustainable as possible.**

## Objectives

1. To support the work of the Interchurch Addiction Project (ICAP)
2. To collate information on aftercare with statutory, voluntary and community agencies
3. To “quality assure” all programmes that we are aware of or become aware of against standards that are set by the committee
4. To disseminate the collated standardised information

## Process to achieve objectives

### Objective 1

- Contact the Drug and alcohol coordinators at the Health and Social Services Boards
- Collate the relevant information on aftercare

### Objective 2

- Set standards for aftercare programmes

### Objective 3

- Collate information on standardised aftercare programmes
- Disseminate information to clergy synods, pre ordination students and “new” clergy

## Resources to achieve objectives

Hidden costs of human resource	
Cost of collation and dissemination of information	£1800
Presentations at synod etc	£150 per half day plus travelling
Meetings	£50 per meeting

# Aftercare

## Evaluation

Objective	Process	Outcome	Responsible Person	Completion date	Status
To support the work of the Interchurch Addiction project	Cross representation from the BSR Drug and Alcohol subcommittee on the ICAP committee	To ensure continuity of approach for the whole cycle of Prevention, intervention and aftercare	John McClure	March 2005	Ongoing
To collate information on aftercare with statutory, voluntary and community agencies	Contact the Drug and alcohol coordinators at the Health and Social Services Boards	All local information available	John McClure	June 2006	Ongoing
To collate information on aftercare with statutory, voluntary and community agencies	Collate the relevant information on aftercare	All relevant information available in one place	John McClure	December 2006	Ongoing
To "quality assure" all programmes that we are aware of or become aware of against standards that are set by the committee	Set standards for aftercare programmes	To ensure that the a person in need of help is signposted to the most appropriate service	Rosemarie Armstrong-Woodroff	June 2008	Ongoing
To disseminate the collated standardised information	Collate and disseminate information on aftercare programmes	Increase access to appropriate information	Malcolm Ferry	June 2008	Ongoing
To disseminate the collated standardised information	Disseminate information to clergy synods, preordination students and "new clergy"	Increase access to appropriate information	Malcolm Ferry	June 2007	Ongoing

# Appendix 1

## Members of the Subgroup

John McClure

**Chair**

Rosemarie Armstrong-Woodroff

**Vice chair**

Judith McGaffin

**Secretary**

Ian Slaine

Patrick Kellet

Norman Jardine

Malcolm Ferry



## Appendix 2

### References

Alcohol in the Life of young people produced by the Church in Society Committee

Drug and Alcohol Training Pack produced by the Western Health and Social Services Board

Drug Abuse - Who Can I Turn To?  
Down and Dromore and Connor Social Services Committee

Drug and Alcohol Strategy for the EHSSB  
Drug and Alcohol Strategy for the SHSSB  
Drug and Alcohol Strategy for the NHSSB  
Drug and Alcohol Strategy for the WHSSB

“New Strategic Direction for Drug and Alcohol 2006 - 2011” DHSSPS (NI)

