

Gaynor Jones

"Substance Misuse: A Partnership Approach in the Northern Isles

A presentation explaining the structure of DASAT - strategy Group, -operational Group and -Services sub Group

Explanation of the multi agency partnership made up of each of these groups.

Give examples of partnership working at all levels eg:

- Strategic level –production of 3 yrs strategy/ corporate and local Action plan.
- Operational level- community engagement inc working with media and public.
- Services sub group – joined up services for service users.

Section re regional partnerships with Shetland and Western Isles Action team inc shared national representation. Examples of use of substance misuse funding to promote partnership working.

Gaynor Jones graduated from Exeter University in 1994 (BA [Hops] Ed). The past 12 years of her career have been in the substance misuse field as a practitioner, manager and strategist. Gaynor has worked extensively in the Voluntary Sector in Scotland and Wales in both residential and community substance use services. She has worked in rehabilitation units and in an outreach capacity in Glasgow. In North Wales (including the Isle of Anglesey), she was responsible for setting up a range of Groupwork Programmes for Criminal Justice Services and more specifically for clients on Drug Treatment and Testing Orders. She also developed the Young Person's Substance Misuse Service and adult counselling services across North Wales. Gaynor has also been involved in a European substance use research project headed by the Amsterdam Institute of Addiction Research. More recently, Gaynor's strategic role of Orkney DASAT Coordinator has involved partnership work aimed at enabling families and communities in Orkney to minimise the harmful use and effects of drugs, alcohol and smoking. Gaynor enjoys living and working in Orkney. She particularly values the real sense of community and vibrant social scene.