

# BRIGHTON & HOVE DRUG AND ALCOHOL ACTION TEAM

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## REPORT TO COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM

### DAAT Communities Plan

#### 1. Background

The Drug and Alcohol Action Teams (DAATs) are the bodies charged with the local delivery of the National Drug Strategy. There are four aims of the National Drug Strategy:

- Young people
- Reducing supply
- Communities
- Treatment and harm minimisation

Since 2001, the Government has increasingly recognised the importance of Communities in the delivery of the Strategy at a local level. The Home Office Communities Against Drugs programme sought to develop this agenda. This is the second year the DAAT has produced a Communities Plan, steered by the multi-agency DAAT Communities Steering Group (Aim ii Group). This year the document is intended to outline the activities that took place in 2003/04, the results of these activities and aims for 2004/05.

This is the first time that the DAAT Communities Plan has been presented to the Community Safety Forum. The strategy is a working document that will continue to be modified and improved. It is proposed that any future plans will also be presented to the Forum for comment/input and to allow the forum to shape the future direction of the plan. In presenting the plan, it is also an opportunity to raise awareness of the work of the DAAT Communities Team.

The DAAT Communities Plan is produced primarily for partners to illustrate how agencies and services work together in the City. In addition to the Plan, a brief summary document has been produced for circulation amongst the general public aimed at increasing public knowledge regarding local drug issues.

#### 2. Purpose

The committee is asked to:

- i) Comment on how the strategy may be developed so that it is increasingly relevant to the communities of Brighton & Hove. It is intended that this strategy assist in informing and bringing together service providers.
- ii) Comment on the suitability of the draft leaflet 'Drugs and your community'. This leaflet will be available in local libraries, GP surgeries, community venues and other public areas.

Note: the final version of the DAAT Communities Plan will be presented in a format similar to the 'Drugs and your community' document