Drugs and Criminal Justice in Scotland

A one-day conference

Tuesday 15 September 2009
Apex City Hotel, 61 Grassmarket, Edinburgh

£100 for SDF members
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About this event

The last decade has seen a range of interventions for problem drug users within the Criminal Justice system in Scotland such as Arrest Referral, Mandatory Drug testing of Arrestees, Drug Treatment and Testing Orders (DTTOs), Drug Courts, probation with a condition of drug treatment, treatment and throughcare services in prison.

This conference will look at:

- lessons to be learned from the various responses to date
- how resources could be harnessed to make a bigger impact on reducing the consequences of damaging drug use.

The event features key speakers with extensive experience in the criminal justice field including Sheriff Michael O’Grady QC, formerly of Glasgow Drug Court, and Santosh Dade of the award-winning Lanarkshire DTTO Team, which won a Convention of Scottish Local Authorities (COSLA) Excellence Award in 2008.

The conference will also provide an opportunity to explore some practice issues in more depth including:

- Working with prolific offenders
- Working with younger male offenders in the criminal justice system
- Improving the linkages between criminal justice services and mainstream drug services
- The future development of testing within the criminal justice system
- Good practice in prescribing – in prison and in the community
Programme

09:30  Registration & Coffee

10:00  Chairperson’s introduction

   Dr Andrew Fraser, Director of Health and Care, Scottish Prison Service

10:10  Making sense of the big picture

   Paul Morron, Chair, SACRO

10.30  Policy overview

   Brian Cole, Head of Branch, Community Justice Services Division, Scottish Government

10:50  View from the bench

   Sheriff Michael O’Grady QC

11:10  Refreshment Break

11:30  Lessons from alternative to custody programmes

   speaker tbc

11:50  Panel discussion

12:10  Small Group Discussion - Lessons Learnt and Opportunities

13:00  Lunch

14:00  Feedback from Small Group Discussions

14:20  Practice Sessions 1

   1. Testing times: current practice issues in testing (oral and urine)
      Lorna Murray, Aberdeen, Aberdeenshire and Moray DTTO

   2. Persistent Offender Project, Glasgow
      speaker tbc

   3. Working with younger male offenders
      Tracy McFall, Turnaround, Dumbarton

   4. Good Practice and Prescribing
      Dr Lucy Cockayne, NHS Fife

   5. Improving linkages between criminal justice and mainstream services
      Santosh Dade, Team Manager, Lanarkshire, DTTO

15:00  Refreshment Break

15:20  Practice Sessions 2

   As above

16:00  Feedback and Close
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