



# Lambeth Drug and Alcohol Action Team

*Progress report on:*

*Developing a Community based Drug &  
Alcohol Service for Lambeth*

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## Why develop drug & alcohol services in Brixton?

- **Lambeth has the highest rates of Problematic Drug Users in London**
  - *Brixton wards have highest rates in Lambeth*
- **Existing SLAM provision for Lambeth clients split between Lambeth & Southwark**
  - *this means dis-jointed services*
- **Accessible for service users and staff alike**
  - *better access supports Client and Staff retention*
- **Brixton Area Forum Residents Survey 2002**
  - *majority of Brixton residents wished to see a service of this type in Brixton*

## The Service?

- **Brings together the Stockwell Project**
  - *Currently in two council flats in Stockwell Gardens Estate*
- **Lambeth's Marina House clients**
  - *Currently seen at Marina House in Camberwell*
- **Plus various community based health teams that will work from the premises and provide outreach services across the borough**
  - *Bringing a joined up approach to delivering services to clients with multiple needs inc. substance misuse and mental health and other health and support issues e.g. housing advice*

## Does this mean one big centralised service?

- No. It does mean improved quality and quantity of drug and alcohol services
- It does mean better coordination and support for 37 GP's and 28 Pharmacies supporting drug dependant clients to reduce their using
- It supports treating 80% of Lambeth's drug dependant residents through their GP's in their own locality across Lambeth



## Why provide these services?

- Those engaged in treatment are significantly less likely to commit crime (NTORS)
- To improve the physical and mental health of Lambeth's drug dependant residents - 60% of Stockwell Project clients are Hep C + 10% are HIV + (HPA)
- Resulting in increased levels of public health for all of Lambeth's residents through harm reduction services



## Progress to date?

- SLAM and DAAT Officers began discussions in 2001
- No. of sites looked at by SLAM during this period – very few suitable sites found
- Autumn 2004 Brighton Terrace identified most suitable site. (Accessibility, Size, Cost etc.)
- Consultation with Brixton Ward Councillors began January 05
- Consultation with residents of Brighton Terrace began February / March 2005



## Consultation feedback?

- **Number of Community Safety issues and fears raised**
  
- **Partnership response included:**
  - *Proposed dedicated Warden(s) for Brighton Terrace area*
  - *PCT funding for renewal of street lighting*
  - *Improved security on neighbouring estates*
  - *The setting up of a Project Advisory Group including community reps to ensure ongoing consultation*

## Progress to date continued...

- Planning application submitted by SLAM on 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2005
- Planning hearing took place on 6<sup>th</sup> September 2005 with Planning Officers recommending that planning be granted
- Decision – that application be deferred to enable Planning Officers to bring together reasons for refusal
- Next Planning meeting date: 29<sup>th</sup> November 2005





# Questions?

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