

The Drug Strategy

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Drugs Strategy 2010 – Reducing Demand, Restricting Supply, Building Recovery

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Reducing Demand

Restricting Supply

Building Recovery

Key areas of interest

- Locally led systems
- Commissioning drug treatment
- Recovery as a whole systems approach
- Building the skills of the workforce
- Keeping children safe and rebuilding families
- Greater focus on outcomes

Drug Strategy Themes

- Acknowledges the gains of the last 10 years
 - NTA remit to work with alcohol – severe alcohol dependence.
 - The creation of a ‘recovery system’ that includes getting people into treatment and getting off drugs for good.
 - Recovery – An individual, person centred journey.
 - Recovery – Wellbeing, citizenship, freedom from dependence.
 - Recovery Capital
 - Recovery Champions
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Recovery is an individual, person-centred journey

- ❑ Our aim is to increase the number of drug and alcohol dependent benefit claimants who successfully engage with treatment and rehabilitation services and ultimately find employment, which is a key contributor to a sustained recovery.

- ❑ Whilst it is not possible to create large numbers of jobs specifically for people in recovery, we must equip them with the skills to enable them to compete for the jobs that are available.

Recovery- implications for services

- ❑ Greater focus on what happens before and after primary treatment
 - ❑ From solely professional-directed treatment plans to incorporate client developed recovery plans
 - ❑ Greater emphasis on the physical, social and cultural environment in which recovery happens e.g. shift from clinic based aftercare to community-based continuing care
 - ❑ Integration of professional treatment and indigenous recovery support groups- recovery communities
 - ❑ Increased use of peer-based recovery coaches (guides, mentors, assistants, support specialists)
 - ❑ Integration of paid recovery coaches and recovery support volunteers within multidisciplinary teams
 - ❑ Searching out skills and strengths
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