

#### **CCG44. Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) Standards Update**

The Committee considered a report by the ADP Lead Officer which provided an update on progress that had been made by the Falkirk Alcohol and Drug Partnership (FADP) towards delivering the Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) Standards.

The Scottish Government had published the Drug Deaths Taskforce's recommendations for the MAT Standards in May 2021. The Standards had been intended to help reduce drug-related deaths, and other harms and to promote recovery. There had been 10 Standards, the first 5 of which were initially required to be fully embedded in substance use treatment systems across Scotland by April 2022. The Scottish Government had since revised this date and now expected implementation by April 2023.

A steering group had been convened to oversee the progress of delivering the MAT Standards. The group had been chaired in rotation by FADP and Clackmannanshire & Stirling ADP (CSADP). Leads had been identified for each of the MAT Standards and reported progress into the steering group. All ADPs had been required to submit a Quarterly Project Update Report in January 2023, detailing progress made on the MAT Standards Implementation Plan signed off by IJB Chief Officers. The team had been confident that the Implementation Plan would be achieved within the expected timeframe.

The Minister for Drugs Policy had requested a meeting with ADP Leads, Chairs, and IJB Chief Officers to discuss local progress on the MAT Standards. It had been anticipated that the Minister would visit Forth Valley in May 2023.

#### **Decision**

**The Committee noted the report.**