

Purpose

This report sets out the progress of the Alcohol and Drug Partnership for 2023/24. This report reflects a sample of the ongoing work being undertaken across North Lanarkshire to reduce harms from substances and improve access to support. This report also sets out the range and scope of investments through the ADP to target support across our communities in 2024/2025. In addition, a more detailed thematic report will be published setting out the progress in each sub-group priority areas as set out below.

National Policy Focus, Harm Reduction, Improving Treatment, Workforce Culture, Holistic Support. The Scottish Government has set out that ADPs are the primary partner in the delivery of the National Mission and the Alcohol framework, and key to their success. Therefore, a clear commitment to monitoring and evaluation at the local level is vital.

Cross-Cutting Priorities

Lived Experience at the Heart

Surveillance and Data Informed

Equalities and Human Rights

Resilient and Skilled Workforce

Tackle Stigma

Psychologically Informed

All thirty of Scotland's ADPs are responsible for delivering on the National Mission Priorities. The aim of the National Mission is to improve and save the lives of people who use drugs and their loved ones. It will do this by:

- ◆ Providing fast and appropriate access to treatment and support through all services
- ◆ Improving frontline drugs services (including the third sector)
- ◆ Ensuring services are in place and working together to react immediately for people who need support and maintain that support for as long as is needed
- ◆ Increasing capacity in and use of residential rehabilitation
- ◆ Implementing a more joined-up approach across policy and practice to address underlying issues.

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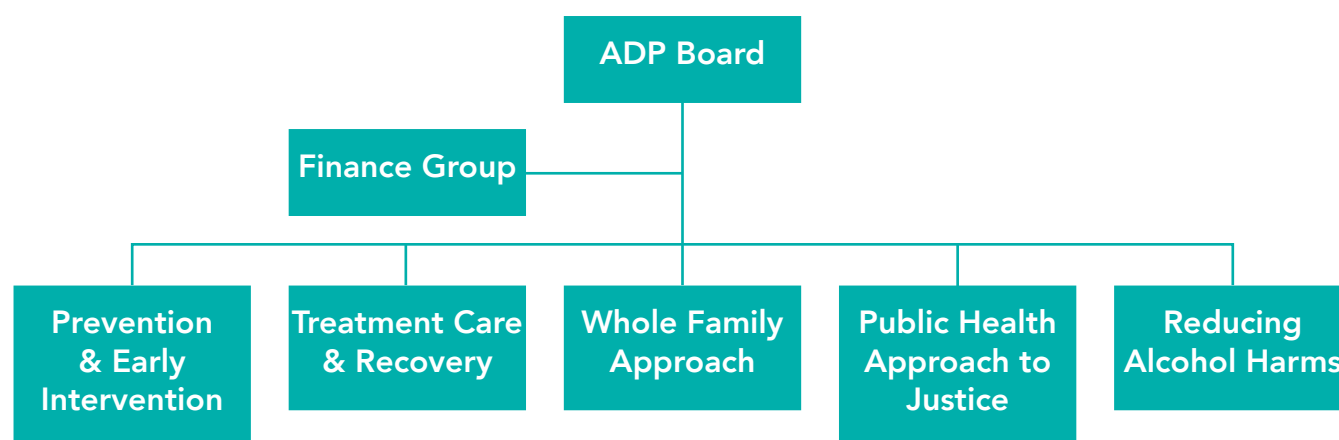
About North Lanarkshire Alcohol and Drug Partnership (NLADP)

North Lanarkshire Alcohol and Drug Partnership (NLADP) was established in 2019 as a multi-agency strategic partnership focused on understanding and mitigating the impact of problematic alcohol and drug use in the local area.

The purpose of the ADP is to co-ordinate and lead a collective response to tackle harms and improve the lives of people who used alcohol and drugs and those around them. The ADP is made up of key agencies and stakeholders with an interest in tackling harms and improving lives. This includes the wider community and those who have lived experience (including families).

Much of our work involves bringing people together to plan and improve services whilst setting out what needs to be put in place to support change and keep people safe and well. We do this by reviewing, monitoring and evaluating the impact of investments targeted towards reducing substance-related harm and improving health and wellbeing.

NLADP Structure



NLADP support team continues to be active within the following networks and forums

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|---|--|
| Child protection committee | Family Support Task Group |
| Adult protection committee | MAT Experiential/ MAT Numerical |
| Violence Against Women Operational Group and Prevention Group | Residential Rehab Oversight Group |
| Community Justice Partnership | Family Support Task and Voice task Group |
| Reducing Alcohol Harms Groups | Improving Child Services Group |
| MAT Standards oversight group | Drug Death Prevention Groups |

ADP Priorities

- o **Priority area 1** - Fewer people develop problem alcohol & drug use.
- o **Priority area 2** - People access and benefit from effective, integrated person-centred support to achieve their recovery.
- o **Priority area 3** - Children and families affected by alcohol and drug use will be safe, healthy, included and supported.
- o **Priority area 4** - Vulnerable people are diverted from the justice system wherever possible, and those in the system are fully supported.
- o **Priority area 5** - Less harm is caused by alcohol North Lanarkshire.

Key developments

NLADP support team have utilised a standardised reporting process for all commissioned services and projects in 2023/24. This was required to allow clearer monitoring, performance reviews and quality improvement measures to be supported, joining up services as part of a whole systems approach.

A number of ADP sub-group development sessions were held in 2023 to determine key delivery priorities for 2023/24, this includes monitoring some of the test of change initiatives set out on page 6 of this report.

Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) Standards progress

The Drug Deaths Taskforce published 10 standards of care for medication assisted treatment in May 2021. This was followed by the Scottish Government plan for the National Mission on Drugs (2022) and the National Strategy for Community Justice (2022). Full report can be accessed [here](#).

North Lanarkshire has successfully implemented MAT standards 1-5. Significant progress was made in 2023-24 in introducing MAT 1 - 5, including same day access to prescribing via the Urgent Response Team. In total, 247 referrals were made to the Urgent Response Team for same day prescribing linked to Opiate Substitution Therapy (OST).

A new Improvement Manager role was created in 2023, via ADP funding, MAT standards finance allocation specifically, to oversee the operational elements of the MAT standards across all localities in North Lanarkshire. This included supporting operational and clinical quality improvement work required to meet the MAT Standards.

Moving forward, the MAT North Oversight Group will focus on MAT standards 6-10 and implementing the appropriate quality improvement measures required to fully embed all 10 standards across all localities in 2024/25. The National Benchmarking Report setting out progress across Scotland was **published** by Public Health Scotland in June 2024.

Progress to date

| MAT Standards Benchmarking by Reporting Year | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|--------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------------|------------|------------|------------|-------------|
| ADP | Reporting .. | Standard 1 | Standard 2 | Standard 3 | Standard 4 | Standard 5 | Standard 6 | Standard 6 & 10 | Standard 7 | Standard 8 | Standard 9 | Standard 10 |
| North Lanarkshire | 01/01/2022 | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | | | | | | |
| | 01/01/2023 | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | | ● | ● | ● | ● |
| | 01/01/2024 | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | | ● | ● | ● | ● | |
| South Lanarkshire | 01/01/2022 | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | | | | | | |
| | 01/01/2023 | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | | ● | ● | ● | ● |
| | 01/01/2024 | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | | ● | ● | ● | ● | |

Responding to Crisis

A combined Overdose Response, Assertive Outreach, and Crisis Response Service was commissioned in September 2023. Known locally as the Crisis Outreach Service (COS) and operated by Turning Point Scotland, the service was fully operational from January 2024. This vital service works to connect with people experiencing high risk events including Non-Fatal Overdoses (NFO).

Turning Point Scotland offer short term intensive wrap around supports including various harm reduction interventions, Naloxone provision and support with housing and social welfare needs. The service connects people who use substances to the right treatment, care and support based on their needs (see case study below).

The Crisis Outreach Service links with Scottish Ambulance Service and the NHS Lanarkshire's Harm Reduction Team to follow up with people after an NFO, normally within 24-48 hours (MAT Standard 3). The service operates 365 days a year from 10am – 10pm.

| Service element | Q4 Jan-March 2024 | Q1 April-June 2024 | Q2 July-Sept 2024 | Q3 Oct-Dec 2024 | Total |
|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------|-----------------|------------|
| Assertive Outreach | 79 | 122 | 181 | 226 | 608 |
| Overdose Response | 58 | 62 | 55 | 52 | 227 |
| Crisis Response | 56 | 37 | 32 | 38 | 163 |
| Total | 193 | 221 | 268 | 316 | 998 |

This service is vital in our efforts to reduce harms and prevent drug-related deaths – in addition to statutory services. An abstract, based on the service was submitted to the SDF national innovative practice event <https://sdf.org.uk/event/2024-innovative-practice-showcase/>

Residential rehab is now offered more routinely as part of the treatment and care offer in North Lanarkshire, and has done since 2022. In 2023, 42 people were referred for assessment with 39 people placed in rehab. The total spend on rehab placements in 2023/24 was £452,269. There was a full review of our residential rehabilitation pathway through the Strategic Rehab Oversight Group (chaired by Interim Clinical Director for Forensics & Addictions).

Progress to date (Continued)

An external evaluation has been carried out to explore how effective the North Lanarkshire pathway is and to better understand the experiences of those who have been involved in the process (involving both staff and patients). This is due to be published in early 2025 and will support future decision making around rehab placements and spending arrangements.

NHS Lanarkshire - Gender Based Violence (GBV) Services

The GBV service has developed and delivered a programme of training through resource provided by NLADP, with feedback continually captured following training to help shape future needs of our workforce. Throughout the period December 2023-December 2024, the following training was delivered:

| Training | Numbers of North staff attended |
|--|---------------------------------|
| Understanding Domestic Abuse as Coercive Control | 12 |
| Domestic Abuse and Substance Use | 8 |
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| Domestic Abuse and Substance Use | 8 |
| Risk Identification Checklist x2 | 6 |
| Safe & Together | 6 |
| Rape and sexual assault training | 24 |
| Commercial Sexual Exploitation | 10 |
| | Total 85 |

Some feedback from training sessions includes:

"Enjoy and found all aspects of training knowledgeable and thought provoking. Best training for a long time."

"Great session with some really thought-provoking points!"

"Gaining a better understanding on the impact of trauma in terms of health. Understanding how to take a trauma informed approach when having sensitive conversations around rape and sexual assault."

"Found it all helpful, particularly talking about how we ask direct questions in a sensitive and supportive manner."

Drug Death Prevention Group (DDPG)

¹Changing-Lives-updated-1.pdf ([knowthescore.info](https://www.knowthescore.info))

North and South ADP leads have been exploring more sustainable options for the group which coincided with a full review of all operation workstreams and group memberships. The work of the DDPG will continue to reflect the national processes set out in Staying Alive (2018) and the Drug Death Task Force recommendations report (Changing Lives), published in 2022.

A development session was held in February 2024, facilitated by Scottish Drugs Forum, who developed the national drug death prevention guidelines. The content from this session has been used to form a 3 year drug death prevention action plan. This contains key actions and priorities for operational, and strategic partners and also aligns the work of the drug death review monitoring and learning processes, as well as the Drug Trends Monitoring Group.

Justice pathways

Arrest referral

The ADP funded an arrest referral initiative for those who presented at police custody centres in North Lanarkshire where alcohol, drugs or mental health issues were a factor. The Arrest Referral Test of Change was initiated in April 2023, extended in 2024, and has seen over 400 people engaged and supported into treatment or community-based alcohol, drug or recovery supports. This has since been evaluated with findings, recommendations and key actions to be presented at the next ADP Board in January 2025.

Drug and Alcohol Solution Courts

The ADP funded a solutions court pilot through Criminal Justice Social Work, and the courts to divert people into support and treatment. To date 21 people have been linked to this initiative direct from the courts in order to support drug and alcohol treatment needs. This has been limited in use so far due to decisions taken by the Sheriff Principal and eligibility criteria which was reviewed and extended moving into 2025.

Contextual Safeguarding and Young People in Conflict with the Law

Two development worker posts were created in 2023 and extended throughout 2024, working within North Lanarkshire Council: children, families social work services. This sought to improve our collective understanding of children's needs, utilising the Contextual Safeguarding approach and evidencing the most appropriate early intervention, prevention and harm reduction measures for Children and young people at risk of extra-familial harms, exploitation and those in conflict with the law. North Lanarkshire was one of the first local authority areas to take this step with other areas following on from our learning.

Over 20 children and young people in conflict with the law have been supported. This has varied from diversion from prosecution, early and effective intervention, children's hearings and supports within the court system. This initiative has seen children and young people receive a bespoke service which has diverted them away from the formal adult justice system.

The team have provided bespoke packages of support around conflict with the law which is trauma informed, flexible, and makes use of knowledge of court system (awareness of court personnel and how things work which helps calm young people and their families). The team have made good links with other commissioned services (including Landed, Detached youth work through Community Learning and Development, and Barnardos). Ensuring the voices of young people and their families are heard is a huge part of working effectively with young people in conflict with the law and contextual safeguarding.

Justice pathways (Continued)

Early Prisoner release – Prison through-care support

New regulations came into force on 13 June 2024. Eligibility for early release was limited to those who were sentenced to less than four years and who, are due to be released within the 180 days following the date on which the Regulations come on 13 June 2024. Additional capacity to support this change is being funded via the ADP and will extend provision for 2025, this will be delivered by Phoenix Futures.

Website, communications and social media engagement

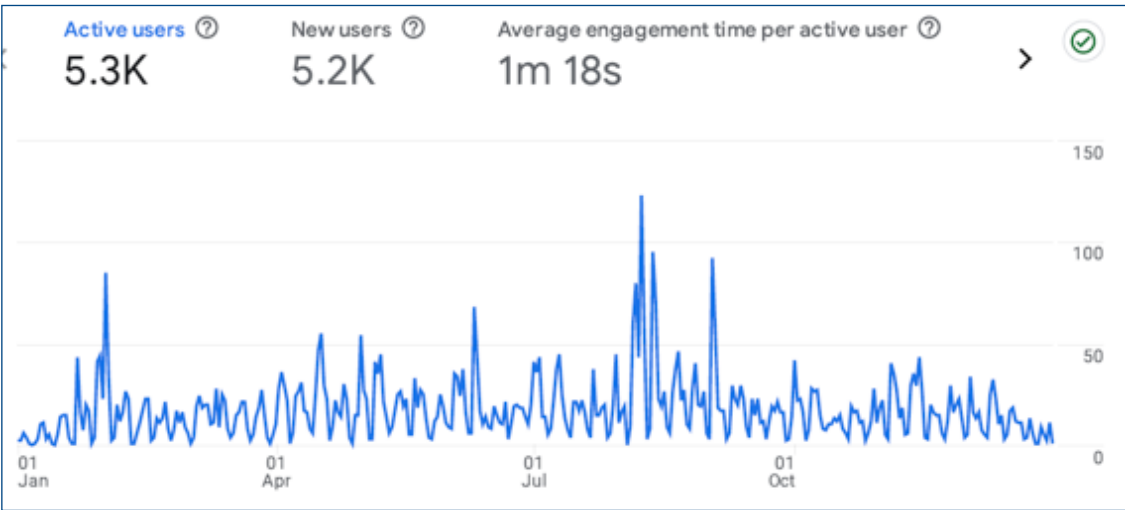
The ADP website (launched September 2023) provides a central source of information, advice and support around alcohol and drugs and details the range of services operating both locally and nationally. The site was developed based on feedback from people with lived and living experience of substance use, and services, to ensure that the content available is suitable and relevant. To find out more please visit www.northlanadp.org

The website provides information including:

- o **Supports available and services operating across North Lanarkshire**
- o **Information about the Alcohol and Drug Partnership (ADP) and our Strategy**
- o **Local and national reports, policy and practice**
- o **Training and events**
- o **News and updates**

In 2024, the ADP issued 4 seasonal bulletins featuring policy updates and news from across Scotland and North Lanarkshire. In recognition of the feedback from stakeholders, we also moved to issuing a monthly round up email, which shares key communications and developments and details training and events which are open to our partnership. This email links people directly to content hosted on the ADP website where further information can be accessed.

The ADP website had 12,676 views. This was made up of 5,529 individual viewers. On average, there were 1000 views per month equating to an average of 3 views per month for each individual user. The most visited pages were 'access support', 'about the ADP' and 'training and events'. Four thousand users came to the website via direct links, suggesting people are accessing the site from our monthly round up alerts and the ADP quarterly news bulletin's, which all aim to drive people to the website as a targeted source of information.



Lived and Living Experience (LLE) Panels

The lived experience work of the ADP is progressing with a dedicated member of staff in post to take forward our approach, supported by the wider team. A broad range of engagement activities were delivered in 2024 with well-established connections being built across all localities. There is now a work plan in place to support the delivery of LLE Panels.

An LLE consultation survey was designed and co-produced with Scottish Drugs Forum living experience group. This was launched in August 2024 and closed after 4 weeks with over 100 responses from people with lived and living experience, including family members.

The first LLE conversation event took place on 1st October in Coatbridge. The ADP now holds a concerns/feedback and issues log to feedback risks and concerns being raised during engagements. This has highlighted some of the real-time challenges facing people who use alcohol and other drugs, more importantly it is supporting learning to improve services.

Supporting Families

NLADP continues to invest in family support with dedicated Whole Family Approach sub-group priorities, linked to the national holistic framework, local evidence of need and linked to wider strategic objectives. There is now an offer for universal, additional and intensive family supports for the whole family across North Lanarkshire.

Funding allocated to whole family support is now fully committed to with a stand-alone adult family support service available and delivered by Phoenix Futures. Additional family support is funded via the ADP to Barnardos and North Lanarkshire Council family programmes including support for the Test of Change funding linked to early learning centre provision in place between 2023 – 2026.

In 2024, the full budget allocation was £223,109 with £278,480 being spent to date, this was extended due to previous year underspend and test of change initiatives agreed with match funding from other sources.

NLADP supported Celebrating Families Week from 10th-16th June 2024, a national campaign run by SFAD. Locally, Phoenix Families, the Family Connections Service and North Lanarkshire Recovery Communities supported the campaign, with a programme of activities being delivered across the week. On the lead up to Celebrating Families Week NLADP asked local people what family meant to them, to tell us their experiences of family support and what could be done to tackle stigma experienced by families. Information gained was shared on social media and via our NLADP website. In relation to stigma, some suggestions from local people included.

- 'Call out stigmatizing language and behaviour when we hear and see it'
- 'Be inclusive, know the facts, educate people, be positive, be supportive',
- 'Develop a campaign to show how it affects people'

Reducing Alcohol Harms

The reducing alcohol harms group has carried out extensive consultations in early 2024 with a development session held in March 2024, sharing responses with all sub-group stakeholders and those who had taken part in the consultation work. In addition, an alcohol health needs assessment has been drafted setting out local needs and priorities from North Lanarkshire and will be a key focus of the Alcohol Summit to be held in 2025.

There is now programme of work set out for all treatment, care and wider support needs and improvements which will be taken forward by the ADP support team and the Treatment Care and Recovery subgroup, to deliver the actions required to improve access to alcohol treatment and care, in line with national guidelines.

In addition, further work will be undertaken to develop key campaigns Pan-Lanarkshire, understanding what Health Improvement and Public Health roles are here and what is ADP focussed responsibilities.

NLADP supported and promoted Alcohol Awareness Week 2024, led by Alcohol Change UK. The theme aimed to raise awareness of alcohol harms, and empower individuals, families and communities to think about alcohol and the harms this might be causing. Locally, we wanted to understand people's perceptions of alcohol harms and developed an MS Form as a means to gain feedback on this. 21 local people got involved and an infographic was developed using the information gained from the MS Form. This was shared across the partnership and was also added to our [website](#).

Workforce development

| Date | Training Course | Trainer/Host | Duration (Hours) | Availability | Number of Attendees |
|-----------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------|--------------|---------------------|
| 04/03/2024 | Reach Advocacy Workshop | Reach Advocacy | 6 | 15 | 16 |
| 18/03/2024 | Reach Advocacy Workshop | Reach Advocacy | 6 | 15 | 9 |
| 15/05/2024 | Poverty Awareness Training | North Lanarkshire Council | 3 | 25 | 25 |
| 14/06/2024 | Bereavement Training | Scottish Families | 4 | 16 | 16 |
| 16/08/2024 | Reach Advocacy Workshop | Reach Advocacy | 6 | 15 | 8 |
| 06/09/2024 | Bereavement Training | Scottish Families | 4 | 16 | 9 |
| 12/09/2024 | Neurodiversity Training | Hope for Autism | 3 | 16 | 16 |
| 12/09/2024 | Poverty Awareness Training | North Lanarkshire Council | 3 | 25 | 22 |
| 01/10/2024 | LLE Group Meeting | NLADP | 2.5 | 25 | 23 |
| 08/11/2024 | Reach Advocacy Workshop | Reach Advocacy | 6 | 15 | 6 |
| 10/12/2024 | Poverty Awareness Training | North Lanarkshire Council | 3 | 25 | 8 |
| January - April | Reach Advocacy Accredited Training | Reach Advocacy | | 5 | 5 |
| | | | | 213 | 163 |

In 2024, we offered an extensive training programme based on feedback from those working and living in North Lanarkshire. The feedback and learning from 2024 has allowed us to develop an extended suite of learning and development opportunities in 2025. The total spend for all ADP funded workforce development activities including venue hire and refreshments for Jan to Dec 2024 was £13,737.

Key Challenges

Drug-deaths, poverty and health inequality

Those dying from drug use are using multiple substances which are often exacerbated by a number of other health-related issues and poverty/inequality. People in the most deprived areas 15.3 times as likely to die from drug misuse as those in the least deprived areas. With the shift in trends, we need to review our treatment and care services which are currently designed for alcohol and/or Opioid dependence/treatment in most areas.

There is a need to build a better understanding of the extent and impact of non-opioid drug use in Lanarkshire in order to develop the right responses and supports. This includes the longer term (physical and mental) health impacts of drug use patterns and trends. More improvement work is required within statutory services via a full-service redesign and skills mix review to ensure we are meeting the needs of those with co-occurring substance and mental health issues, and to be able to respond to changing drug consumption patterns and trends as set out below. This will ensure we are taking a whole systems approach to reducing harms and deaths from alcohol and other drugs and future proofing our holistic person-centred approaches.

Key Challenges (Continued)

Harm reduction, whole systems culture shift

More work is required across Lanarkshire to ensure harm reduction practice is embedded and widely available at each point of contact across our health and care settings to ensure all efforts are made to prevent deaths and harms from alcohol and drugs. This is an action being taken forward by the Drugs Death Prevention Group (Pan-Lanarkshire). The DDPG strategic group is Chaired by NHSL Director of Public Health.

Emerging Drug Trends and Harms

Traditionally, our services are set up to support those with problem alcohol or opioid use specifically, our current response is adapting to include new synthetic opioid (such as nitazenes) with measures now in place to support wider harm reduction interventions more routinely for such drugs – including more targeted Naloxone distribution.

- **Whilst Opiates/Opioids are the most common drug implicated in Drug Related Deaths (DRDs) in Lanarkshire in 2023, the proportion is considerably less than that reported nationally (80% Scotland, 68% North Lanarkshire).**
- **Over eighty percent (81%) of DRD in North Lanarkshire in 2023 were individuals living in the two most deprived areas (SIMD 1 and 2).**
- **A similar relationship can be seen for benzodiazepines and Gabapentin and/or Pregabalin (Benzodiazepines 58% Scotland, 52% North Lanarkshire, Gabapentin and/or Pregabalin 38% Scotland, 29% North Lanarkshire).**
- **Cocaine was implicated in a considerably larger proportion of DRD in 2023 in North Lanarkshire compared to Scotland (50% North Lanarkshire, 41% Scotland).**
- **Nearly three quarters (74%) of DRD in North Lanarkshire in 2023 had two or more substances implicated in the cause of death.**
- **'Any street Benzodiazepine' (52%) and Bromazepam (43%) were slightly higher than that recorded for Scotland with forty-nine percent and thirty-six recorded respectively**

NLADP financial year end position 2023/24

The total spend for NLADP in year 2023/24 was £3,594,141. There is currently an underspend of £3,596,675. The in-year allocation from the Scottish Government to NLADP for 2024 was £2,089,737.

This budget was allocated to ADPs on an 80/20% split basis, subject to a bi-annual financial return (October 24) demonstrating allocations are being utilised or allocated. Tranche 2 funding for the full amount allocated was confirmed in November 2024 and has since been received.

NLADP is currently utilising last year's allocations, in agreement with the Scottish Government. This has allowed a 3-year commissioning plan to be set out which aims to fully utilise all allocations. NLADP has a 3 year spend forecasted which sets out how all budgets will be aligned with the delivery of the National Missions priorities between 2024 – 2027. All underspend and reserves are fully costed and allocated for future commissioning activities and service planning.

Annual spend plans 2024 – 2025

| | Annual Budget | Spend Plan 24/25 | YTD Spend | Forecasted Spend | Variance |
|---------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|----------------|
| Stabilisation Fund | 188,320 | 188,320 | | | 188,320 |
| Res Rehab | 318,728 | 318,728 | 119,277 | 318,728 | 0 |
| WFA | 223,109 | 377,421 | 278,480 | 371,307 | (148,198) |
| Lived & Living | 31,873 | 35,026 | - | - | 31,873 |
| PfG | 1,139,315 | 650,000 | 810,255 | 1,080,340 | 58,975 |
| Mat Standards | 570,866 | 188,556 | 142,446 | 189,928 | 380,938 |
| National Mission | 701,201 | 530,172 | 209,900 | 279,867 | 421,334 |
| DDTF | | | 55,573 | 55,573 | (55,573) |
| Outreach | | | 8,022 | 8,022 | (8,022) |
| SG Funding | 3,173,412 | 2,288,223 | 1,623,953 | 2,303,764 | 869,648 |
| ADP Support Team | 328,223 | | 369,172 | 492,229 | (164,006) |
| Commissoned Service | 855,452 | 989,588 | 603,629 | 989,588 | (134,136) |
| Reserve Spend | 819,832 | 530,369 | 530,639 | 530,639 | 289,193 |
| Total | 5,176,919 | 3,808,180 | 3,127,393 | 4,316,221 | 860,698 |

Current position

| | Annual Budget | YTD Budget | YTD Spend |
|--------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Pays | 1,175,828 | 652,925 | 652,925 |
| Non Pays | 4,001,095 | 2,474,455 | 2,474,467 |
| Total | 5,176,923 | 3,127,380 | 3,127,192 |

The table below shows the annual reserve budget and what would be required to meet forecast spend commitments for year 2025- 2028, based on SG allocations remaining at current levels

| | Reserve Budget | Spend Plan 24/25 | Spend Plan 25/26 | Spend Plan 26/27 | Spend Plan 27/28 |
|-------|----------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| 23/24 | 2,576,000 | 860,698 | | | |
| 24/25 | 3,436,698 | | (565,465) | | |
| 25/26 | 2,871,233 | | | (556,719) | |
| 26/27 | 2,314,515 | | | | (2,314,515) |
| 27/28 | - | | | | 0 |

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North Lanarkshire ADP funded projects and initiatives

Commitment to 3-year funding approach with 1/4ly reporting and annual reviews (subject to ongoing SG funding):

NLC initiatives continuing

Creative Faces
Drug Testing and Treatment Order
Family Plus Project
Housing Life Coaching
Kick Start Programme

NHS initiatives continuing

Addiction Psychology posts
Addiction Recovery Team – Integrated
Gender Based Violence Service
Occupational Therapy posts
Substance Misuse Liaison Nurse Team

Community/voluntary sector initiatives

Barnardos Axis
Equal Say Independent Advocacy
Phoenix Families, Adult Family Support
Phoenix Futures, Treatment Service
Recovery Scotland
SAMH Individual Placement Support
Scottish Drugs Forum – The Traineeship
Turning Point Scotland Crisis Outreach Service
Youth Information and learning - Landed

Test of Change Initiatives

Alcohol Counselling and Alcohol Brief Interventions (in development)
Alcohol harm reduction & Housing support for 50's+ (in development)
Drug & Alcohol Solution Courts
Drug and Alcohol Harm Reduction Cafes
Phoenix Futures - Prison Through-Care support extended
Reach Advocacy – Charter of rights (in development)

Corra Funded initiatives

Aruka and Freedom City Church – Prehab support
Barnardos/Phoenix Futures – Family Connections service providing wider family support
Blue Triangle – Breakthrough Service, Extended for 2 years
Circle – Families and Justice
NLC - Family learning centres support

Research, Development and Scoping

Arrest Referral – Evaluation
HIS/IRISS – Ethical Commissioning
Non opioid and other drug use scoping study
Recovery Scotland – Peer researchers
Rehab Pathway Evaluation

Other

*NLADP commission independent advocacy support through Equals Advocacy. All NLC advocacy supports reviewed in 2024 with combined tender process carried out. Preferred supplier identified.

Community Support Fund

Nine awards were made through the fund totalling £70,050. This aims to build capacity in North Lanarkshire to support local people from under-represented communities; to improve prevention efforts, reduce crisis and promote recovery across all six localities.

In summary

North Lanarkshire ADP continues to deliver on the National Drugs Mission objectives and strategic priorities, targeting resources appropriately and measuring impact.

The ADP has appropriate structures and governance arrangements in place to support decision making around spend and offering best value and the right mechanisms in place to offer assurances that as much as possible is being done to tackle harms from substances and reduce deaths. Each sub-group is accountable to the ADP finance group and Partnership Board, and each have clear priorities to take forward in 2025.

There's a wide variety of supports in place for individuals and families who are impacted by substance use. The current commissioning approach will support efforts to improve the quality and availability of support across statutory and community/voluntary services.

There's a strong focus on learning and development across the ADP linked to listening to stakeholder views and involving those with lived and living experience across each area of work and sub-groups.

The ADP support team would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our partners and colleagues for their ongoing support, hard work and dedication. If you have any queries or feedback on the content of this report please send this on to NLADP@lanarkshire.scot.nhs.uk





More information on North Lanarkshire Alcohol & Drug Partnership is available on our website www.northlanadp.org.

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