

DUAL DIAGNOSIS NETWORK

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F.A.Q's

Q: What is expected of Dual Diagnosis Lead Practitioners (DDLDP) joining the network?

A: To take part in a specialist training programme and to attend monthly practice development meetings thereafter.

Q: Will DDLP's be expected to case work all DD cases within their services?

A: No. The role of DDLP's is to take a lead in disseminating knowledge of DD within their teams and being a specialist source of consultation/support. Terms of reference are out for consultation on the e-bulletin.

Q: When will things 'start happening'?

A: Consultation work is currently underway (see below). An event to launch the DD Network is being planned for mid September. Date will follow soon. Any ideas/suggestions welcome.

Q: How is this initiative being managed?

A: A Project Manager chairs the 'Dual Diagnosis Working Group', a multi-agency group of managers leading in the implementation of the city-wide project plan. This group reports to the supervising 'Dual Diagnosis Strategy Group', who in turn reports to CSIP / Department of Health.

Q: How can I be involved before the actual launch of the Network?

Members can start to become familiar with current developments in the field, in preparation for their role within the DD Network. Information & links can be found in the e-bulletin.

Members are also invited to contribute to the current consultation process leading to the launch of the Network. See notes below for more info.

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29 practitioners across mental health, primary care and criminal justice sectors have been nominated to join the city-wide Dual Diagnosis Network. **Many thanks to managers and practitioners for your interest and support!**

*Terms of reference and membership list now available on the [e-bulletin](#).

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22 'training needs assessment' forms have been received and processed. Key training topics have been identified and a course draft has been produced.

*See needs analysis report and training programme draft on [e-bulletin](#).

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The DD Working Group recommended that:

The training programme may run for 1 day a week, over the course of 6 weeks, to keep the momentum between training sessions and to endeavour to complete the course in less than 2 months. After finishing the training, the network may gather once per month (half day) for practice development meetings. Conversations are underway with managers to ratify this proposal and to commence the course for the 1st cohort of practitioners in September / October. *More information will follow soon.

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Consultation work is currently underway in order to:

- (1) Draft DD assessment guidelines to ensure a consistent city-wide approach;
- (2) Care pathway guidelines are being designed in order to support the role of the DD Network;
- (3) Ensure that service users and carers' views are taken into account in the design of best practice guidelines.

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An [electronic-bulletin](#) is launched with the support of the Care Services Improvement Partnership (CSIP), in order to facilitate information exchange between the Dual Diagnosis Network members, managers, consultants and other interested parties.

JOIN THE DISCUSSION!

YOUR VIEWS are integral to the development of this multi-agency initiative. The groundwork is currently being prepared for the launch of the DD Network and we want to know what you think in relation to: care pathways & models of care in DD, your ideas and expectations about the DD Network, how to make the most of the skills within the network.

An On-line forum has been set up to facilitate discussion. To contribute, see instructions on the [electronic-bulletin](#):

<http://kc.csip.org.uk/viewresource.php?action=viewdocument&doc=99865&grp=1>

