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- Four providers work together to provide an integrated service
- Substantial investment of funding into treatment services
- A locally responsive plan reflecting local need
- Private, statutory and voluntary sector providers come together

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Criminal Justice Integrated Teams go live from March 1st 2006

The final missing segment of the drug interventions programme [DIP] in South Wales; the criminal justice integrated teams [CJIT], became fully operational from 1st March 2006 following a successful pilot month in February.

Four agencies will deliver the CJIT element of the DIP programme. The make up of these four agencies is a balanced mix of the private, statutory and voluntary sector.

In Swansea, G4S, better known locally for their running of HMP Parc in Bridgend, are applying their organizational and treatment experience to the delivery of the CJIT element of DIP.

Elsewhere established voluntary sector providers WGCADA and DrugAid/Teds are delivering the CJIT element of DIP in

Neath Port Talbot—Bridgend and Merthyr Tydfil – Rhondda - Cynon -Taff respectively, utilizing their strong community ties to ensure a smooth transition into a full service.

In Cardiff and the Vale of Glamorgan local statutory providers, Cardiff County Council Community Drug Team are applying their extensive local knowledge to the DIP scheme.

Each provider, regardless of their organizational designation of private, voluntary of statutory, has diligently involved themselves in the establishment of the DIP scheme in South Wales. The last five months have seen considerable developmental work towards staff recruitment, development and training, as well as organizational refinement to ensure the first CJIT clients were accepted onto agency books in February 2006.

Demand from service users has already revealed itself to be high with a greater than expected take up rate from individuals referred.

Regional DIP Manager, Gareth Hopkins, stated, "the advent of a full DIP service, with the integration of arrest referral, CJIT and Drug testing on charge, is a major step forward in reaching the large numbers of individuals who have never accessed structured treatment previously. I am confident the professionalism of the identified DIP providers across South Wales will mean a high quality and locally responsive service that will benefit both individuals and communities."

DIP – aiming to work with existing provisions in the community

The aim of the DIP programme is to provide a seamless service for substance dependant individuals coming into contact with criminal justice referral pathways – on a voluntary basis.

Such pathways are leaving a custodial sentence, Probation Service supervision, Court services, Youth Offending

Teams [18+], arrest referral, drug testing on charge and leaving structured daycare and residential programmes.

Whilst the DIP programme offers time limited rapid access to prescribing, it should not be seen primarily as a prescribing alternative to mainstream tier 3 and 4 services.

DIP is not intended to replace or denude existing statutory or voluntary sector provision. Its role is to complement existing services by identifying individuals who previously went through the 'revolving door' of treatment and recycle them into mainstream services.

How do I access my local DIP team?

The DIP scheme in South Wales is divided into four service areas :

- Swansea
- Neath/Port Talbot –Bridgend
- Rhondda-Cynon-Taff / Merthyr Tydfil
- Cardiff and the Vale of Glamorgan

However, the unique property of the DIP service is that a service user from outside of his or her nominated home area, may freely access the service at the nearest convenient location .

The service will also be available on weekends [Saturdays to start with] in each area, and one evening a week.

To find out what days your local service is open, locations and opening times, contact the following numbers listed below.

Your local DIP teams

Cardiff and Vale of Glamorgan

Tel. 02920 729555

Swansea

Tel . 01792 456900

RCT / Mertyr Tydfil

Neath Port Talbot / Bridgend

Tel . 01639 633630
01656 667717

Tel. 01685 723233

Regional project Management Team

02920 537013

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The DIP scheme has been commissioned specifically to provide an accessible support network to individuals outside of traditional working hours.

The Home Office and Welsh Assembly Government were keen to commission a service that was available to DIP service users in the evenings and at weekends.

The Four service providers in South Wales have plans in place to initially offer a late night service on one weekday and open on a Saturday, with a view to expanding this provision to meet demand.

To find out what hours or days your local service will be open, contact the number listed above for your area.

The success of providing out of ' normal' hours working and services in England's DIP areas has been crucial in the development of services for substance misusing individuals and their families.

This exciting development acknowledges that drug dependency and its associated difficulties does not stop at 5pm on a Friday .

'Not just a prescribing Prescribing service'

The need to increase prescribing capacity in substance misuse services across Wales is widely acknowledged by all who work in the substance misuse field, either directly through the NHS or voluntary sector or indirectly through criminal justice services and wraparound provisions.

DIP and the limited rapid access prescribing available will not replace existing prescribing services. Indeed, the time limited nature of RAP services within CJIT/DIP - up to 14 weeks — means the emphasis will be on assessment and appropriate prescribing in accordance with clinical governance.

DIP will not solve the prescribing problems or replace existing agencies. It is money that is supplemental to existing health provisions.

The DIP model provides low level prescribing interventions with high levels of social and motivational support. It is firmly pitched as a tier 2 intervention and will not seek to work with those assessed as of being in high need of long term prescribing, high social or emotional need and those with problems best dealt with by fully medically qualified staff—E.G—pregnancy/ severe mental health.

The four regional DIP providers have designed a varied and stimulating programme of activities for drug dependant individuals in their areas.

Activities as varied as music, physical exercise, relaxation sessions and gardening are just some of the examples of an innovative approach to stimulating and motivating service users.

Contact your local DIP office to see what activities are available in your area.

Criminal Justice Integrated Team Staff in South Wales DIP

Cardiff and Vale of Glamorgan DIP/CJIT team	Rhondda Cynon Taff and Merthyr Tydfil DIP/CJIT team	Swansea DIP/ CJIT team
Team manager	Team manager	Team managers
Cheryl Chapman	Sally Bearpark	Mark Spooner , Sandy Phillips
Casemanagers	Casemanagers	Caseworkers
Rhys Marsden , Jake Norrish	Mark evans , Tony gait , andrea Goodwin , Eryl Huish.	Lynne Jones , Debbie Forrest
Suzanne Carpendale , Sara Jones	Assessment and care co-ordinator	Tom Atton , Ian Williams
Chris Hughes , Dean Williams	Becky harris	Co-coordinator
Housing advisor	Administration	Emma Parkhouse
Andy Davies	Lynne Thomas	Shaw Trust Placement worker—vacancy
Administration	Medical staff	Volunteer worker
Kendal Yarr , Aled Holt	CDAT Manager Paul Williams	Kevin Tucker
Catherine Watson, Kellie van—Meir	Sharon Jones	Transitional support worker mentor
Medical Staff	Sara Ellis	Howard Craven
Dr. Daniella ward , Lisa Gittings		Medical staff -
Chris james , Tracey Smith		CDAT Swansea / SERCO Health Ltd.
Plus X 2 E Grade vacancies		
Volunteer co-ordinator		
Burhan Uddin		
Volunteers x9		
		Neath Port Talbot / Bridgend CJIT/DIP team
		Awaiting information

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DIP@cardiff.gov.uk

The Regional Management Structure

The performance and contract management of the CJIT element of DIP is the responsibility of the regional management team [RMT] based in Cardiff Bay .

The RMT consists of :

Regional DIP manager

Gareth Hopkins

Regional contracts/Finance Manager

Angeliki Tsokaiti

Regional Information Manger

Lee Ford

Regional Administrator

Jessica Bird

The Regional management Team reports to the **Regional Management Board.[RMB]**

The RMB is chaired by the Welsh Assembly Government and consists of representatives from the National Probation Service, Prison Service, South Wales Police, Community Safety Partnerships, Local Health Boards, wraparound services and others.

Its primary role has been to oversee the implementation and commissioning of the CJIT teams in South Wales.

Having reached the point where services have been commissioned and are up and running, the focus of the RMB has now shifted towards contract monitoring and integration of the wider DIP process into a cohesive seamless service.

The Chair of the regional management Board is Mr. Terry Johnston of the Welsh Assembly Government SMART and is charged with ensuring the CJIT teams integrate into the wider provision of substance misuse services in South Wales.