

# ESSEX YOUNG PEOPLE'S DRUG AND ALCOHOL SERVICE PROVIDING CHOICES – ALL-AGE RECOVERY CO-ORDINATION SERVICE

**The AARCS (All-Age Recovery Co-Ordination Service - Choices) provides a single gateway into recovery for clients of all ages and ensures that clients benefit from a consistent, single relationship to support them through their recovery journey. The service provides recovery management/co-ordination for all clients. This involves being the nominated assessor, allocator and co-ordinator of care. The Recovery Manager completes the triage and risk assessment elements of the work with the child, young person or adult and then identifies with them the content of their recovery plan, in partnership with other identified services.**

Young people will be seen where they feel most comfortable e.g. at school, home or in a community setting. Adults can be seen in the quadrant bases or at a range of satellite bases within the community. It is likely that the child, young person or adult will also require some psychosocial or other structured interventions. The recovery manager will organise this care with the most appropriate provider, which is likely to be the Choices Structured Interventions Service (SIS). (For those aged 18+ the SIS is provided by Action on Addiction).

**The Structured Interventions Service delivers interventions via a specialist community-based service across the county, using one to one, group work and family models. The service is available to:**

- \* all clients of any age, who have been assessed as having a dependence on one or more substance, including young people who are involved in the youth justice system
- \* all clients of any age who have drug and/or alcohol misuse problems
- \* all clients/families assessed as requiring non-medical therapeutic substance misuse related interventions.

## Confidentiality

Choices aims to offer all clients a confidential service. This means that we do not share the information that you have told us without there being a necessary need to do so or without your prior consent. The service is delivered by Open Road and EYPDAS (Essex Young People's Drug and Alcohol Service), a programme of The Children's Society. In order to give you the best service we can, information will be shared within the Essex Treatment System. This will be done in a professional and appropriate way for case co-ordination, and communication around support. Organisations which are part of the Essex Treatment System, and will be able to see your information at least as far as a name search are:

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| * The Children's Society, Essex Young People's Drug and Alcohol Service (EYPDAS) | * Phoenix Futures   |
| * Open Road  | * Phoenix Homes Colchester                                  |
| * Essex County Council   | * EPUT providing STARS – Essex Partnership University Trust |
| * ADAS (Alcohol and Drug Advisory Service)                                       | * Action on Addiction (SHARP)                               |
| * Synergy  |   |

## Information sharing

Our service is required to provide specific information for monitoring, research and service planning purposes to local and central government organisations who are involved in the treatment system. This includes your local drug and alcohol services commissioning team and the NDTMS (National Drug Treatment Monitoring System) which is now held by Public Health England. The information we share with these organisations is limited to your initials, date of birth, gender and the first part of your postcode. All other person identifiers remain anonymous and therefore this information is non-identifiable. This information held by our service and by local and government organisations on electronic computers is managed in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulations.

This service is signed up to The Whole Essex Information Sharing Framework which includes members from a range of agencies. Further information can be found at [www.dnn.essex.gov.uk/weisf/en-gb/forums.aspx](http://www.dnn.essex.gov.uk/weisf/en-gb/forums.aspx)

We will share information relevant to safeguarding as necessary and as allowed by legislation.

