

# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

SCOTTISH DRUG STRATEGY DELIVERY COMMISSION

## **INDEPENDENT EXPERT REVIEW** OF OPIOID REPLACEMENT THERAPIES IN SCOTLAND



## **DELIVERING RECOVERY**

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| THEME 5  | RECOMMENDATIONS   |
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| <p><b>Information, research and evaluation</b></p> | <p>10. The Chief Medical Officer should task the Chief Scientist to consult with the academic community in Scotland and bring forward robust plans to develop a Scottish National Research Programme addressing the key substance use questions for Scotland. The aim should be to support and facilitate the delivery of efficient, high quality research into both the natural history of problem substance use – its development and progression – as well as the effectiveness of a broad range of treatment approaches – including psychological and social approaches as well as novel treatments.</p> <p>11. Any proposal to further develop national information systems in the area of substance misuse at national level should be subject to meaningful and accountable project management. This should include: external scrutiny of delivery; a risk assessment to identify and address the main obstructions to delivery; publication of a realistic programme of delivery with agreed timeframes with measurable milestones and clear lines of accountability for all elements of the proposed system.</p> |
| THEME 6  | RECOMMENDATION  |
| <p><b>Mechanism for change</b></p>                 | <p>12. The variation of practice identified across services should be addressed using a proven improvement methodology, enshrined in the ‘3-Step Improvement Framework for Scotland’s Public Services’.<sup>3</sup> This work should be given high priority by the Scottish Government and its partners. Clearly defined aims, drivers and measures should be developed for agreement at an initial national collaborative learning event organised by the Scottish Government early in 2014.</p>   |



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