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A MESSAGE FROM THE MANAGER

As with all providers, the emergence of the new synthetic opiates raises a huge concern both locally and nationally. We are pleased to be supported by CGL Herts in providing additional naloxone kits and training to all staff.

Our community relationship with Kings Langley Football Club has continued to grow with the start of the new football season. Druglink have already taken part in a number of community events at the club that help spread the message of not only the work we do, but recovery in general.

WHAT'S NEW

Oxygen Detox and Oxygen Recovery clients both took part in a county wide survey with Hertfordshire County council to explore what are the current gaps in provision within the area.

Both services are currently working towards our gold membership with Hertfordshire Care provider association. The gold membership is a set of standards.

The team visited the DDN event this year which supported the theme of 'Many Roads'. We felt this was an important message about recovery and enjoyed all of the speakers and networking.

We have, once again, been looking at new ways to support our clients and we are now working with a Drama Therapist. The Drama Therapist will be a placement at both Oxygen Recovery and Oxygen Detox.

OUR ACHIEVEMENTS

We are pleased to be working with Haringay Council, providing detox and rehab beds for them.

We have achieved level 1 through the Herts Healthy Workplace program which consisted of surveys, staff health checks and a submission of documentation to reflect the work we are doing as an organisation. We are now in the process of working towards Level 2. Alongside this we have also achieved level 2 as a disability confident employer.

Sterling Accounting Solutions – a local accountancy firm - Raised £4,200 from a charity golf day for Druglink. We're so thankful for this incredible support and the funds raised will go towards providing more help for our domestic violence service.

We have received grants from St Martins in the field who have supported Druglink this year and have also been asked to speak at their annual conference in November.



WHAT'S HAPPENING AT DRUGLINK

In July we said a sad farewell to one of our longest standing, most trusted and most knowledgeable members of the Druglink team. David Gill – our Director of Business and Quality - retired after 9 1/2 years with the charity. Dave will be missed by everyone at the charity but we know he will enjoy his retirement. Dave helped us build and development over many years, and we are truly thankful for his dedication to our service.

On the 19th September we ran our 2023 Annual General Meeting. This was a chance to look at the incredible work the charity has done over the year and revisit why we do what we do. We saw some fundamental changes to our Trustee Board, with both our long standing Chair and Treasurer stepping down, and the election of a new Chair and Treasurer. It is an exciting time for the governance of the charity and we look forward to working closely with the newly structured board to help us guide the future of Druglink. You can read our annual report at:

www.druglink.co.uk/governance

We are so excited that our local Howden's have offered to donate a brand new kitchen to Druglink! It will be a staff kitchen at our head office and will enable us to create a relaxing, inviting space for staff to unwind or have informal meetings.

MEET A TEAM MEMBER

Stan Dambaza
NMP Nurse Lead, Oxygen Detox

Stan is our Nurse Lead at Oxygen detox. He comes from a background of working in prisons within Hertfordshire, setting up and supporting the prescribing services. Stan is a critical part of the team working closely with our nurses and GP.



OXYGEN & DETOX IN NUMBERS

55 clients have completed detox

OXYGEN RECOVERY &
OXYGEN DETOX
PERFORMANCE DATA
Jul 23 - Sep 23

7 clients
have
completed
rehab

3 clients have
completed
second stage rehab

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