

# Pharmacy Bulletin

## Gateshead Recovery Partnership

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### A New Service Model in Gateshead

From 1<sup>st</sup> November 2018 CGL will be providing the Integrated Drug and Alcohol services for adults in Gateshead in partnership with GP Federation and Recovery Connections .

Cgl will be the lead provider of services in Gateshead, working in partnership with Recovery Connections who will deliver a wide-range of activities and programmes to help support clients through their recovery. Clients will be offered groups, programmes and services including Quasi Rehabilitation.

The GP Federation are a small group of local GP's who will provide specialist prescribing treatment to those clients registered within their surgery. There are 6 GP's surgeries within the Federation; Oxford Terrace, Bensham Family Practice, Teams Surgery, Central Medical Group, Birtley Medical Group and Whickham Surgery.

Over the next few months CGL's Implementation Team will be working with Council, stakeholders, commissioners and yourselves to ensure that the needs of Gateshead residents affected by drug & alcohol misuse are improved, building on established links already in place.

### Have your say

If you have any questions or concerns, please ask. You can get in touch using the details below:

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### Community Hubs

We are in the process of securing Community Hubs for SU's to access across the Borough of Gateshead covering the East, South, West and Inner West areas.

### Revised Pharmacy Needle Exchange Contracts

Needle Exchange satellite Pharmacies – We will be contacting in due course regarding updated Service Level Agreement.

If any pharmacies are interested in providing a needle exchange service then please get in touch with Victoria Rowell on 0191 594 7821.

The contract for supervised consumption sits with the commissioners and so will come from them rather than CGL.

### Stakeholder Mobilisation Workshop – 17<sup>th</sup> October 2018

The workshops will be held on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2018 at Bewicks B, Gateshead Civic Centre, refreshments will be provided.

Choice of timings for the workshops are:

13:30 to 15:00 15:30 to 17:00 17:30 to 19:00

Invites from PHE will follow, there is no registration for these workshops.

### 'Down Time'

We will be having a 'down time' period from Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2018 to Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2018 and during this time there will be no structured appointments or prescribing clinics for clients.

There will be a team of staff supporting the service during this time who will be answering phones and directing queries.

Service Users are aware they can access additional support from the following services:

- Their registered GP
- Basis 336 on High Street on Tel: 0191 4777100
- Crisis Team on Tel: 0303 1231145
- MIND on Tel: 0191 4774545
- Samaritans on Tel: 0191 2327272
- Crisis Skylight in Newcastle, as well as your local Housing, Citizens Advice Bureau.