**Dundee Public Social Partnership**

**Tests of change proposal – WRWY in Douglas Community**

**October 2020**

**Background**

We have been aware for some time that the community in Douglas has been one of the areas in Dundee that has experienced a significant challenge with substance use issues. This has been evidenced by postcode referrals into our service over the past years. We have made some links with a range of service providers, Pharmacy, NHS Primary Care, Community Centre, Rocksolid and Balbeggie Church.

**Proposal**

To build upon our work in Douglas and have a regular presence with in Balbeggie Church. During the pandemic we will need to adhere to guidance regarding the model of service delivery. The test of change would target those who are:

* Experiencing Substance use issues
* Families affected by substance use
* Experiencing multiple barriers
* Have multiple complex needs

The work would consist of:

1. Carry out quick local needs assessment with local people and services to ascertain the best venue and time for We Are With You to have a recovery presence with in the Douglas community.
2. Carry out local promotion in community venues – community centre, Gp practice, Pharmacies.
3. Assess the potential for out door activities with in the Douglas Community. This could be allotment / exercise / cycling groups / mutual aid group.
4. Identify a link worker with in ISMS to act as a conduit into treatment and to refer clients to We Are With You for recovery support. By building a sense of team will aid sharing risk / communication / good practice.

Outputs and outcomes would be developed to ascertain the effectiveness of the test of change; an example of what these could be is:

**Outputs**

* Numbers attending We Are With You recovery sessions
* Numbers engaging with follow up support.
* Numbers of onward referrals – NHS treatment / Housing / Mental Health.
* Numbers accessing recovery based activity’s in Douglas

**Outcomes**

* Increased numbers accessing Recovery support
* Decreased risk factors. Safer drug use, reductions in harm, reductions in risk
* Improved safety factors, engaged with services, have phone, condoms and naloxone.
* Utilise the outcome Web tools to capture positive / negative changes in clients life style.

**Recommendations**

1. The test of change is at the beginning and is an opportunity to enhance the work and build a wider team to provide recovery support in Douglas. This includes quick access to OST, NHS treatment services and Mental Health support.
2. To build a tangible recovery community in Douglas by engaging with families and services in Douglas.
3. Improvements could be measured by monitoring output and including outcomes that will be collected when Daisy is implemented ( Dec 20 ) We Are With You will keep local outcome data.
4. To develop a pathway for the community of Douglas to be accessing regular Recovery support frim WRWY and partner services.