

Good afternoon.

I am delighted to let you know that we have reopened our Partnership Drugs Initiative (PDI) programme for applications in 2010.

Along with money from the Foundation, funding secured from the Scottish Government has enabled us to reopen the PDI programme with immediate effect for charities across Scotland supporting children and young people affected by the issues of drugs and alcohol. Our target groups remain:

- Children and young people affected by parental substance issues (drugs and alcohol)
- Pre-teen children at high risk of developing problems with drugs and alcohol
- Young people who are developing or have an established substance use problems (drugs and alcohol)

It is important to us that the projects we support are meeting local priorities, including the alignment with Alcohol and Drug Partnership strategic plans and local Single Outcome Agreements. Therefore our requirement on support and endorsement from Alcohol and Drug Partnership Chairs and Co-ordinators has remained unchanged. We will continue to meet with ADP Co-ordinators and encourage and ask all potential applicants to discuss proposals with their Alcohol and Drug Partnership as well as ourselves to ensure we continue to meet the needs within a local community.

Our application forms and guidance notes have been changed slightly as a result of our on-going work to develop our approach. Questions and guidance have been included to reflect our increased understanding of the need for projects to develop long-term planning approaches. However, as before applicants will also need to identify a 50% matched funding contribution.

There will only be one funding rounding this year for new proposals that meet the PDI criteria. Projects currently supported by PDI that are eligible to apply for continuation support will be able access funding via two funding rounds this year. Details on the deadline dates have been circulated to all Alcohol and Drug Partnership Officers and are available on our website at www.itsbfoundationforscotland.org.uk.

We are extremely pleased to be reopening this programme. If you would like to learn more about the PDI in general, our application process or discuss a specific proposal then please do not hesitate to contact us – by far the best person is Elaine Wilson who manages the programme and can be contacted on e-mail at ew@itsbfoundationforscotland.org.uk.

Best wishes,

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