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Drug and Alcohol Services Funding Timeline 2015-17

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December 2015 draft Scottish Government budget

The transfer of ADP funding from Justice to Health.

22.25% cut in the combined drug and alcohol funding from £69.2 million in 2015-16 to £53.8 million in 2016-17.

7 January 2016

The Cabinet Secretary for Health, Shona Robison, writes to Health Board Chief Executives stating her expectation that they will cover the shortfall in drug and alcohol funding from allocated health budgets which are to rise by 6.5%.

15 January 2016

Scottish Drugs Forum and other concerned organisations (Alcohol Focus Scotland, Scottish Families Affected by Alcohol and Drugs, SHAAP and BMA) write to the Cabinet Secretaries for Health and Justice raising collective concern regarding the potential impacts of any reduction in funding.

February 2016

- SDF, AFS, SHAAP, BMA and SFAAD survey ADPs re funding. No clear picture emerges
- Scottish Drugs Forum write to all ADP chairs and NHS Chief Executives
- Above organisations meet with SG officials

January - March 2016

- Newspaper coverage – notably in *The Herald*
- Parliamentary questions
- Raised formerly by Lib Dems in response to the budget
- Raised in debates e.g. Fairer Scotland Fund

Autumn / Winter 2016

- Some clarity emerges re funding positions with most ADPs using underspend and contributions from Integrated Joint Boards to reduce scale of cuts in 2016/17
- No commitment or even much local clarity re 2017/18 budgets

April 2017 Scottish Conservative's FOI Enquiries

	2015-16	2016-17	% Change
Ayrshire & A	4,527,872	4,527,872	0
Border	1,352,190	1,564,582	15.7
Dumfries & G	1,983,834	1,750,000	-11.8
Fife	4,258,881	4,133,881	-2.9
Forth Valley	3,389,704	3,389,704	0
Grampian	5,788,922	5,545,000	-4.2
GG & C	18,629,576	23,158,742	24.3

April 2017 Scottish Conservative's FOI Enquiries (continued)

	2015-16	2016-17	% Change
Highland	3,655,485	3,655,504	0
Lanarkshire	6,937,386	6,243,646	-10
Lothian	11,469,680	Not Available	?
Tayside	5,363,523	5,363,523	0
Orkney	558,443	489,600	-12.3
Shetland	600,591	534,076	-11.1
Western Isles	692,982	562,472	-18.8

December 2016

- Draft budget published for 2017/18 with proposed no change from ADP budget for 2016/17 - £53.8 million

January 2017

**Question S5W-06201: Neil Findlay, Lothian, Scottish Labour,
Date Lodged: 16/01/2017**

To ask the Scottish Government whether the £15.3 million reduction in its drug and alcohol budget in 2016-17 has been replaced in the 2017-18 draft budget.

Answered by Aileen Campbell (30/01/2017): I shall reply to the member as soon as possible.

Current Status: Holding Answer issued by Aileen Campbell on 30/01/2017

January 2017

Question S5O-00592: Monica Lennon, Central Scotland, Scottish Labour, Date Lodged: 18/01/2017

To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on the maintenance of the 2016-17 funding reduction to **alcohol and drug partnerships** in its Draft Budget 2017-18.

Answered by Aileen Campbell (25/01/2017): The draft Scottish Government budget for 2017-18 provides for the allocation of £53.8 million to support Alcohol and Drug services. The agreed funding allocation will be directed through NHS territorial boards for delegation to Integration Authorities. Supporting the delivery of Alcohol and Drug Partnerships' work is a priority for Integrated Authorities in 2017-18. As in previous years, the funds provided directly from the Scottish Government budget sit alongside funds provided from other NHS sources, statutory partners and the third sector, which collectively makes up the resources package for this important work.
Current Status: Answered by Aileen Campbell on 25/01/2017

January 2017

Question S5W-06201: Neil Findlay, Lothian, Scottish Labour,
Date Lodged: 16/01/2017

To ask the Scottish Government whether the £15.3 million reduction in its drug and alcohol budget in 2016-17 has been replaced in the 2017-18 draft budget.

Answered by Aileen Campbell (07/02/2017):

I refer the member to the answer to question S5O-00592 on 25 January 2017. All answers to written Parliamentary Questions are available on the Parliament's website, the search facility for which can be found at

<http://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/28877.aspx>

January 2017

Motion S5M-03440.2: Alex Cole-Hamilton, Edinburgh Western, Scottish Liberal Democrats, Date Lodged: 17/01/2017

Health

As an amendment to motion S5M-03440 in the name of Brian Whittle (Health), insert at end “; regrets the decision to cut the budget of **alcohol and drug partnerships**, which play an important role in promoting and securing preventative health measures; considers that this has had a detrimental effect on their ability to provide services, and seeks assurances that NHS boards will in future provide the right level of investment in these important services.”

Current Status: Fallen on 18/01/2017

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Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Press Release

In half of all Scotland's 14 Health Board areas, support for Alcohol and Drug Partnerships has fallen this year, the statistics show.

“Cutting funding on alcohol and drug support is a false economy...The Scottish Government must now urgently review the funding of this vital projects (sic) to assess whether people who need support are not getting it because of these cuts.”

Issues and possible action

- **Monitoring of ADP budgets**
- **Role of Integrated Joint Boards**
- **Identify any cuts to services and impacts of service users**