

# MAT STANDARDS: WEBINAR 1

Contributions and reflections from  
breakout room discussions.

## WHAT ARE YOUR HIGH-LEVEL LOCAL PRIORITIES GOING INTO THE NEXT YEAR?

- **Workforce development** – investing in staff training and recruitment.
- **Service integration** – joined-up partnership working between services.
- **Listening to lived experience** – including voices and a whole families approach.
- **Continuing work** – implementing, increasing spread, starting next standards.
- **Education** – improving communication, and sharing guidance for informed decision making.
- **Responding to needs** – considering trends in drug deaths, medications used, and NFOs.



## WHAT WILL BE YOUR MOST SIGNIFICANT BARRIERS TO PROGRESS IN THE NEXT YEAR?



- **Staff recruitment and retention** – including decreased capacity and system pressures.
- **Culture change needed** – more leadership and clinical insight, and consider resistance to innovation.
- **Funding** – especially for third sector support.
- **Information sharing and compliance** – legal and logistical barriers when services work together.
- **Partnership working** – at local level and with other services.
- **System barriers** – strategic planning, spreading improvement, capturing voice of communities.

## WHAT FURTHER NATIONAL SUPPORT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO YOU IN THE COMING YEAR?

- **Standardised approaches** – clear accessible information and solutions for services.
- **Improvement of funding** – ensuring better, more long term funding streams are available.
- **Tools and training** – access to tools and development, for quality improvement and speciality areas.
- **Collaborative working** – national agencies working together to support local teams.
- **Knowledge sharing** – reach formal agreements and improve access to share data and learning.
- **Reporting** – improvements to MIST surveys and timescales.



## WHAT WILL BE YOUR STRONGEST ENABLERS IN THE NEXT YEAR?



- **Collaborative working** – at local level and with other partners.
- **Funding** – including clearer processes and underspend guidance.
- **Leadership** – clearer direction at local level and from Scottish Government.
- **Maximising services** – staff retention, seeing results, impact on staff attitudes.
- **Family and lived experience** inclusion.
- **Information** – collecting data, sharing guidance.

### ACCESS, CHOICE, SUPPORT: MEDICATION ASSISTED TREATMENT (MAT) STANDARDS

We work with the Medication Assisted Treatment Implementation Support Team (MIST) to successfully implement MAT Standards to improve health and wellbeing outcomes for people affected by substance use in Scotland.

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