



Integrated Substance Misuse Recovery Partnership

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History of the project

CDS is a voluntary charity organisation founded in 1990. It comprises of 3 drug and alcohol projects:

- Recovery Team for Sutton (Wallington)
- Recovery Team for Merton (Wimbledon)



Recent changes

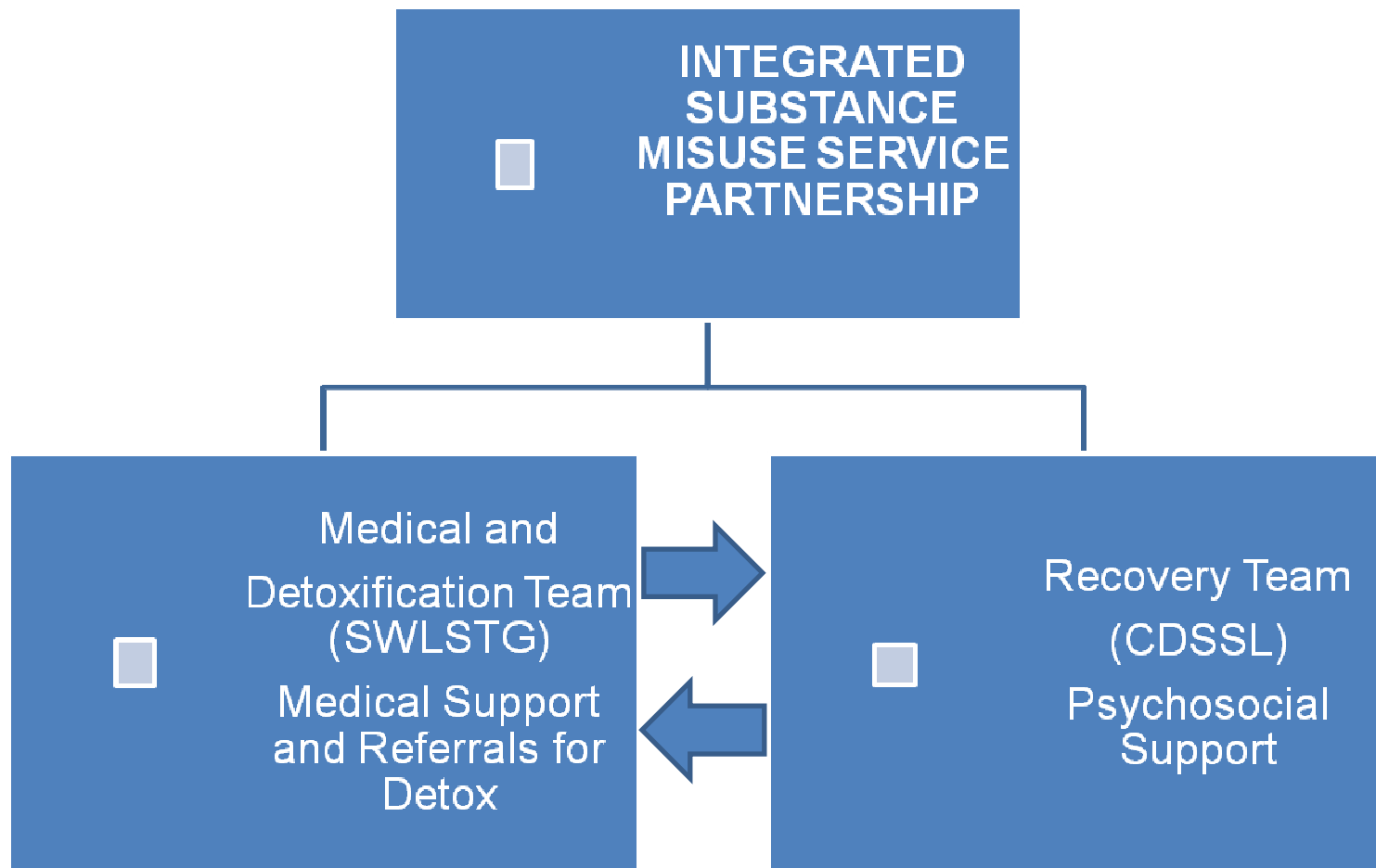
Starting from April 2013, CDSSL entered into partnership with St George's Trust, sharing provision of services covering alcohol and drugs support in the borough of Sutton and Merton.

This is a result of successful tendering process in these two boroughs.

Within the partnership CDSSL provides all psychosocial services, while SWLSTG provides all medical services.



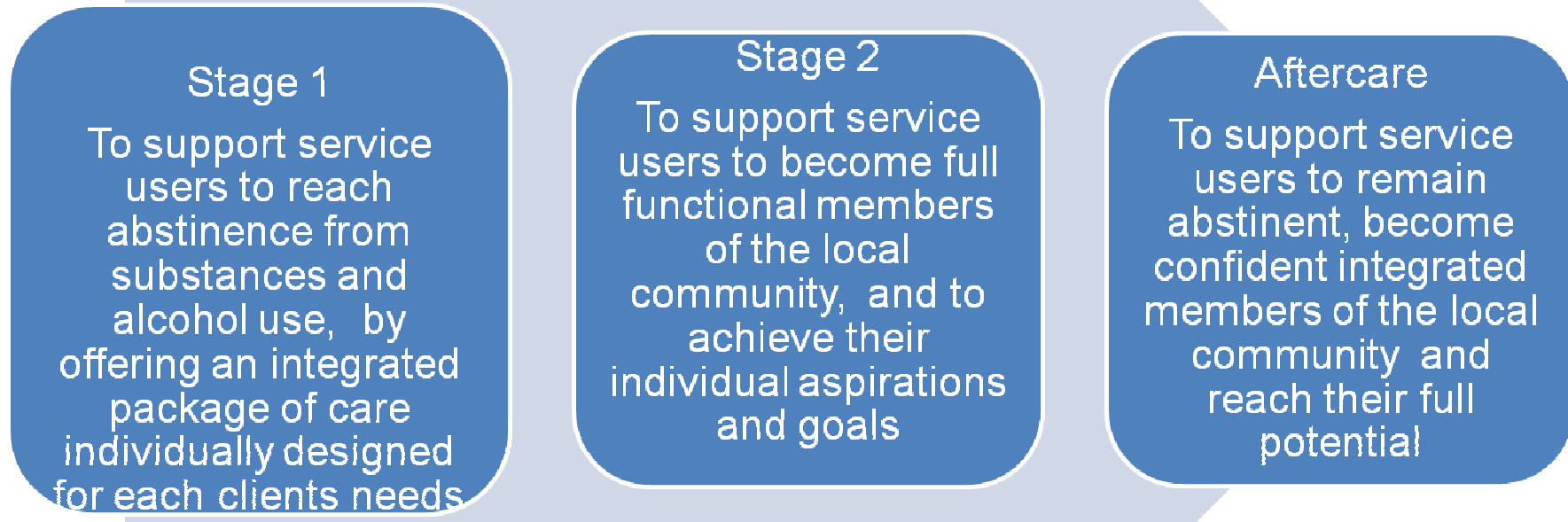
How do we work together as a Partnership ?



Main elements and aspirations of services

To provide an:

- *Integrated, holistic, psychosocial and medical, whole family system approach service.*
- *Full support to service users, presenting with substance and or alcohol misuse problem, residents in the borough and their carers and family members.*
- *Based on the concept of recovery capital and strong aftercare.*
- *Support to service users and their families to achieve full functionality and full integration in the local community.*



A specialist for each substance

- Opioid specialist
- Alcohol specialists
- Stimulant misuse specialist
- Cannabis/Skunk specialist

Reviewed Process for Assessment and allocations

- On referrals, clients passed over to the specialist worker
- The specialist worker will contact the client and will assess the client within five working days
- The specialist worker will start the clinical work in most cases on the same day of the assessment
- Results:
- Total waiting time from referral to start of clinical work a maximum of five working days



BAME specialist duties

- Main contact or voice on issues affecting the lives of BAME individuals and communities
- Representing the BAME communities on both statutory and voluntary organisations
- Providing information, advise and representation to both BAME and non BAME clients on benefits (DWP Jobseekers, ESA, Disability & Carers'), housing issues
- Dealing with referrals from Probation, DIP, Outreach and individuals referred by families and friends
- Offer advise and support to BAME clients, friends and families on the detrimental effects of substance misuse and its impact on health, crime, social cohesion, anti-social behaviour etc.



Counsellor for Polish community

- - support with drug and alcohol addiction management
- - support with client's social welfare – benefits applications and maintenance, housing support and referral including homelessness education and advice
- - support with the English language barriers, translations and referrals to English language courses
- - liaising with partnership organisations on behalf of clients
- - offering support to polish families and communities
- - representing polish community on various organisations forum

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