



Procurement of services for the drug and alcohol action team

Significant improvements were secured in the range and quality of drug and alcohol advisory services in Peterborough through a transformational project. The project delivered important savings and better control mechanisms and enabled the drug and alcohol action team to commission much needed additional services.

THE CHALLENGE

The Peterborough Drug and Alcohol Team (DAAT) had a history of exceeding the allocated pooled budget, which had been controlled by reducing the services delivered. The pooled budget used for commissioning had a number of contributors: Peterborough City Council, the Home Office, Cambridgeshire Constabulary and the Primary Care Trust. Any overspends were funded by Peterborough City Council.

A report from the National Treatment Association (NTA) revealed below expected quality standards in terms of outcomes for Peterborough clients. A need for substantial improvements in delivery of outcomes in certain areas of the service was identified.



KEY FACTS ABOUT PETERBOROUGH CITY COUNCIL

- ➔ **Unitary authority**
- ➔ Population: **170,000**
- ➔ Employees: **6,500 (including education)**
- ➔ Budget: **£217 million (2009/10)**
- ➔ CPA: **3 star (2008)**

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