



**Birmingham Social Care and Health
Directorate**

**Review of the workings of the Drug Action
Team (DAT)**

Submitted by the Whole Systems Partnership

1 Introduction

Following a request from Peter Hay, Strategic Director of Social Care and Health, this proposal has been prepared to reflect the indicated brief:

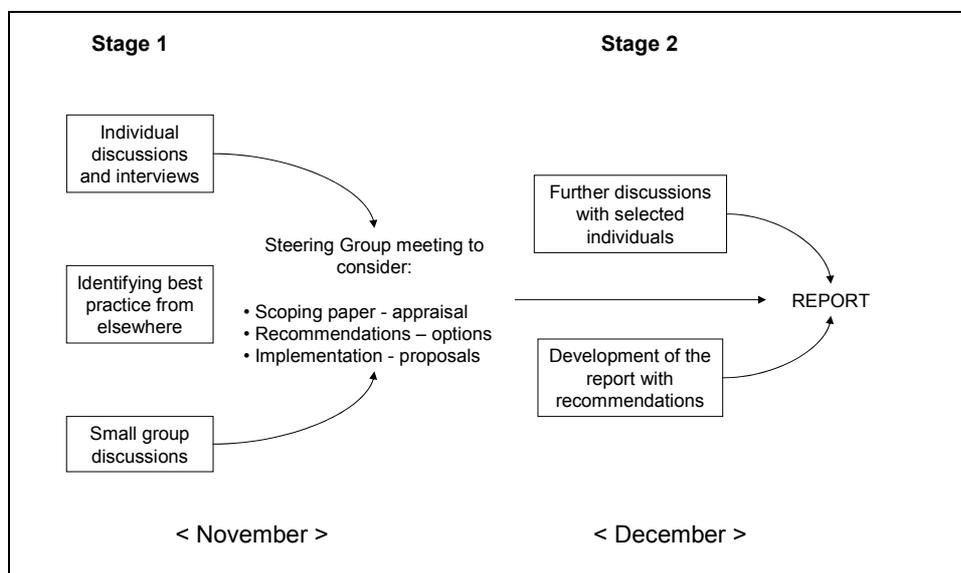
- TO undertake a review of the current working of the Birmingham DAT, including the effectiveness and organisation of sub-groups;
- To ascertain the views and aspirations of DAT group members as to the future role and purpose of the DAT and the relationship with other stakeholders, and how these might be better integrated or managed;
- To appraise the current strategic plan of the DAT, comment on it and make recommendation as to content, implementation and performance management;
- To ensure that recommendations fit with the partnership standard for DATs.

2 Approach

The approach suggested consists of two stages of work.

1. A range of individual and group discussions to provide intelligence for the analysis of the current position and future aspirations.
2. After 'checking out' the findings from stage 1 a second stage of developing the specific recommendations for change, together with an impact analysis and proposals for change as advise by the Steering Group.

This is illustrated below.



The work will be carried out in an inclusive style that ensures a wide range of views are considered and fed into the process. We will constantly 'check back' with people to ensure our interpretation and emerging understanding of the local position is accurate and will use a selection of sources to 'triangulate' evidence so that recommendations and possible ways forward are based on good evidence.