

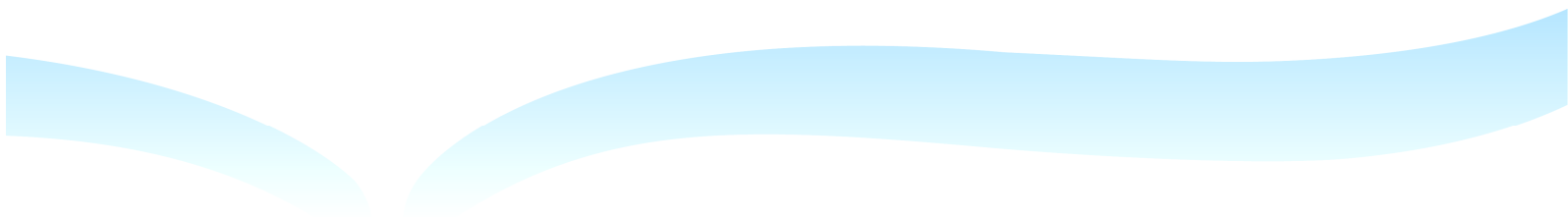
SURVEY OF THE PROVISION OF INJECTING EQUIPMENT

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Action 21 – The development of a data collection system to monitor the provision of injecting equipment in Scotland

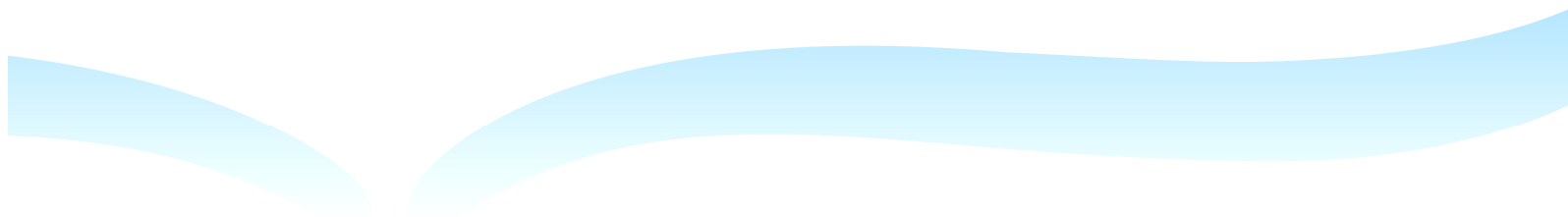
- The actions cover a 3-year span, starting in 2008/09




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3 Year Plan

- Year 1 - Aim to scope feasibility of such a system, incorporating a survey.
- Year 2 – Re-run Survey, understand technical requirements.
- Year 3 – Re-run Survey and develop a web based system.

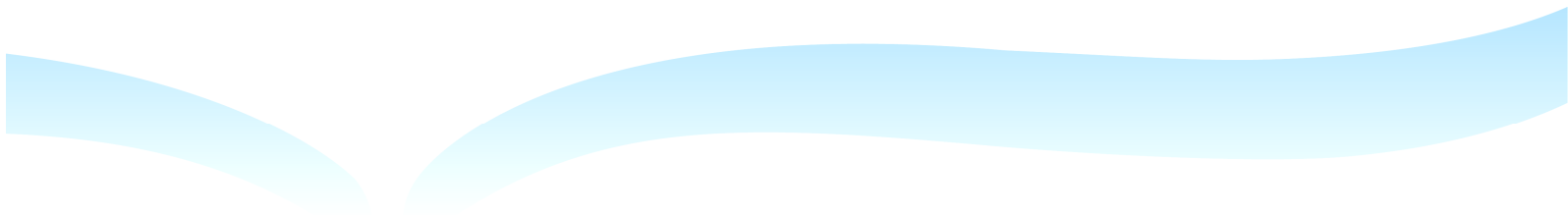


Objectives Year 1

- Identify the services providing injecting equipment
 - Review last survey of injecting equipment (2006)
 - Establish baseline data for 2007/08 (new survey)
 - Explore NHS spending on needles
 - Recommendations for a data collection system
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Survey Strategy

- Surveyed three groups:
 - All IEP services (agencies & pharmacies)
 - All co-ordinators of pharmacy IEP schemes
 - All ADAT co-ordinators
- Developed 3 separate surveys to do this
- Largely based on surveys sent out in 2006



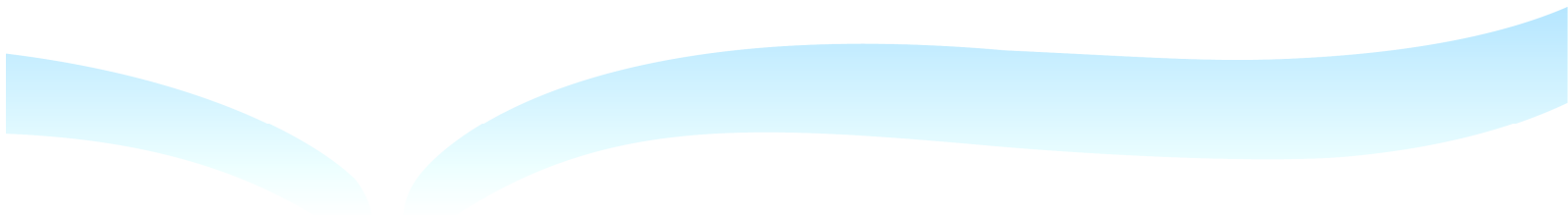
Sample Questions

4	Do you record the following?	No	Yes	If 'Yes', please specify numbers for financial year 2007/08
4a	Number of contacts for needle exchange (i.e. visits / transactions)			
4b	Number of clients of needle exchange			


12	Do you record the data through:	No	Yes	If yes, please provide details
12a	Paper-based systems			
12b	Computerised system			
12c	Other (please state)			

Results will Include

- Response rates to each survey
- No of Transactions
- No of Clients
- Needles Distributed
- Needles Returned (estimated)
- Accessibility of IEP services
- Paraphernalia
- Methods of data collection



Plans for the next year

- Agree on draft dataset for data collection system
 - Pilot draft dataset in selected NHS Boards
 - Conduct revised version of survey in Autumn 2009/10 (working with Hepatitis C prevention leads)
 - Work with IT to scope the requirements of a data collection system
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Full details of our report can be found at

<http://www.drugmisuse.isdscotland.org>

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