

# GLASGOW CITY IJB PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE

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# Glasgow City Alcohol and Drug Partnership

## Lived Experience Reference Groups

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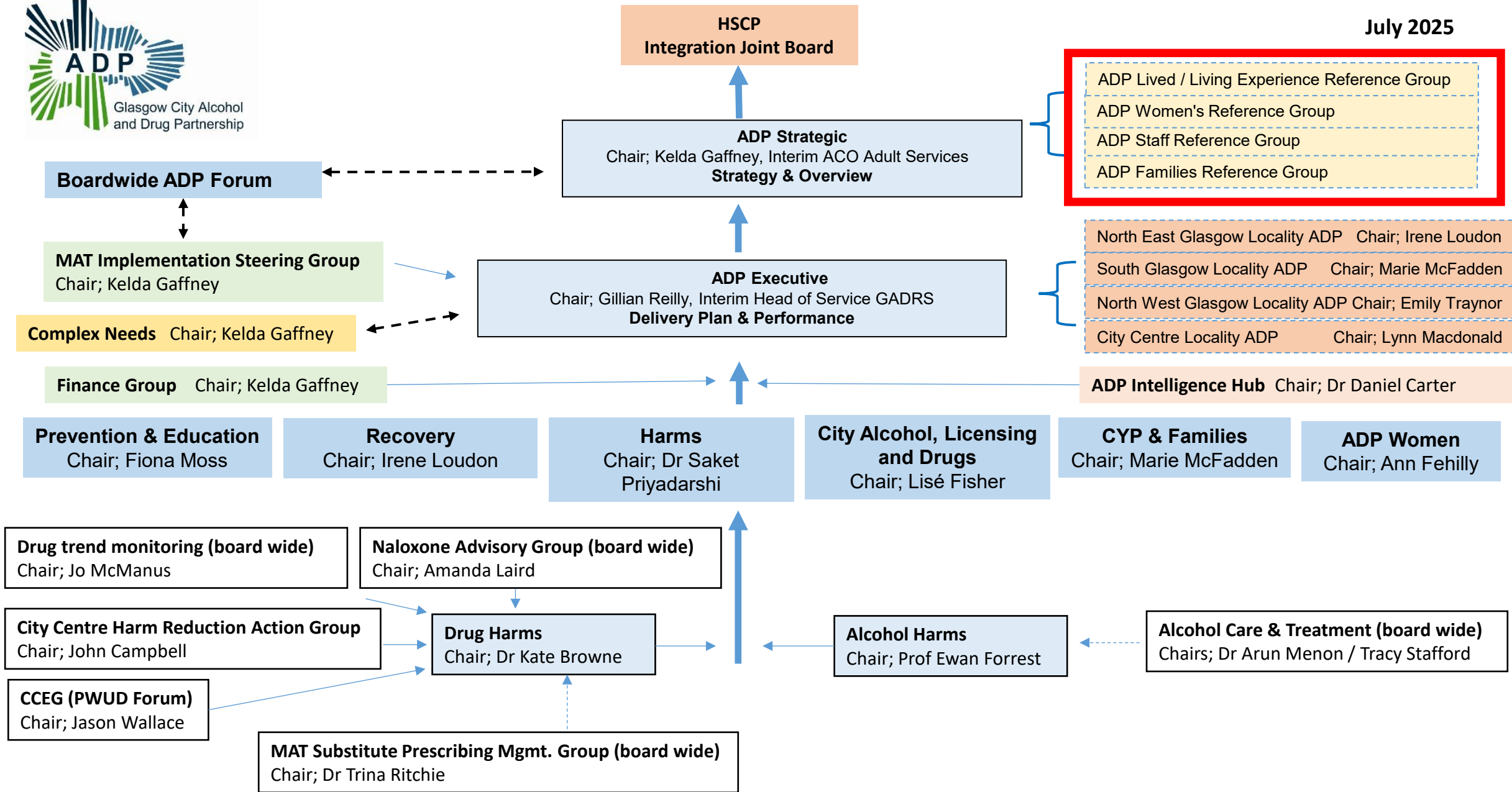
# PURPOSE



- To highlight the significant contribution made by people with lived and living experience (LLE) of alcohol/drug problems to the Glasgow City Alcohol and Drug Partnership (ADP)
- What are the Reference Groups?
- What have they achieved?
- What are the priorities and challenges?
- The critical role played by supportive leadership in ensuring the legitimacy and sustainability of our model



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# ADP REFERENCE GROUPS

## What are they?

- People with lived and living experience of alcohol and drug issues
- People who want to contribute to strategic decisions and policy
- People who want to improve the system for others

## What are they not?

- They are not peer support groups
- They are not service user groups

All report directly to the  
ADP Strategic Group, and  
Glasgow Alcohol and Drug  
Recovery Services  
(GADRS) SMT

# The National Collaboration

## National Collaborative Charter of Rights For People Affected by Substance Use



A Scottish Human Rights Bill was intended to be introduced by the Scottish Government during the current parliament

A Charter for People Affected by Substance Use has been introduced in advance of a white paper

Incorporates existing UK Human Rights Act and includes International Human Rights principals



QR link to the Charter of Rights.....

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# Reference Group Priorities

## Many and varied

- **Improve access to mental health support**
- **Tackle stigma and discrimination**
- **Increase support for parents**
- **Improve access to the wider system of care**

# SOME ACHIEVEMENTS TO DATE.....

- Development of alcohol pathway & focus on alcohol issues
- Martha's Mammies spec and naming of the service
- Bespoke Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) standards briefing
- Thistle Service design and implementation
- LLE Reps on GADRS recruitment panels
- Commissioned Services Reviews
- ADP Executive 'Tracker'
- "You Said, We Will....."

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# OUR CHALLENGES

- **Managing the expectations of the membership**
  - **Trust - to feedback to leadership accurately**
  - **Secretariat support**
- **Managing the expectations of other ADP partners**
  - **Constructive feedback**
  - **Not an alternative complaints process**
- **The inclusion of those with living experience (individuals actively using drugs/alcohol)**

# CRUCIAL ROLE OF LEADERSHIP



HSCP LEADERSHIP 'BUY-IN' HAS BEEN CRUCIAL TO OUR WORK

TRANSPARENCY

ACCOUNTABILITY

DEVELOPING LLE AGENDAS AND BESPOKE WORKSTREAMS

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# KEY ISSUES 2025/26

**INCREASE SPECIFIC  
SUPPORT FOR  
WOMEN**

**TRACK AND  
FEEDBACK  
ON AGREED  
ACTIONS**

**MANAGE  
INCREASING  
DEMAND**

**REMUNERATION  
FOR  
VOLUNTEERS**

# QUESTIONS

**Adeline Clark – Member of the Women’s Reference Group**

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# Thank You

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