

The newsletter of the TTP family



It may not always feel like it but Spring is almost over and summer is around the corner, which is a lovely thought after such a long and busy winter. From swine flu to arctic conditions, Tom and I are hugely proud – and appreciative – of the way in which you have risen to all the challenges that the last few months have presented. A theme seems to be emerging in my introductions to these newsletters – I always write about a period of change, growth and progress and this time is no different. Once again, we have added to the TTP family both in terms of centres and personnel and we are very pleased to welcome all our new staff and volunteers. Thank you, as always, for your hard work, enthusiasm and dedication

Tom & Gavin

Desmond takes the reins at Thames Clinic



Following the departure of previous manager, Wendy, there have been some changes at Thames Clinic.

Overseeing these is Desmond Hill from the Clifton Clinic, who has heroically agreed to be uprooted from his kingdom in Shefford to take the reins in Kingston. Desmond currently has responsibility for both clinics and is splitting his time between the two.

Dale has been busy masterminding some changes to the Thames Clinic website so take a look if you have a spare moment and let us know what you think.

First graduations at Coventry

The end of last year saw the first graduations at Coventry. The centre has got off to a flying start since it opened last summer. Congratulations to Steph and her team and, most of all, to the new TTP graduates in Coventry.

Bradford detox centre

Desmond is not the only one who is spending time in unexpected places. Amongst the turkey and presents over the Christmas period, Gavin and Tom were sorting out a deal to save the Caleb detox centre in Bradford from closure.

It closed just before Christmas despite being only 6 months old and purpose-built at a cost of more than £1m. TTP is now running the centre in partnership with the previous operators, Caleb, and it was able to re-open on 11 January. Not bad, considering that Tom and Gavin's first visit was on 23 December.



Admissions are picking up and Fiona Prevett, who only joined us in October, is regularly heading north to act as the interim

manager, working hard to extend contacts and relationships in the area to fill the 12 beds at the centre.

Northwest visit impresses EATA



Katie Hill, currently the acting Chief Executive at EATA, visited Warrington and the Wirral at the end of January to find out more about us. Katie met clients, volunteers and staff and saw some of the great things we are doing – not surprisingly, she was impressed!

Stop Press

St Helen's TTP is now open. We're looking forward to bringing you more details and photographs of the official opening event (which should happen any day now) in the next newsletter.

The Hidden delights of the TTP Recovery Community

If, during a rare moment of actually having nothing better to do, we stop to look around at the people we work with, we may discover that the letters of their name tell us something about them. So here's a little quiz: the following clues are anagrams of the full names of some of the TTP staff. But who are they?

It might be difficult to get an admission through a **laden colon**, at least, not without some degree of **itch remission**.

If you rang Head Office, you might find yourself getting through to some **Tomato Tins** that are **dearly loco**.

Don't mention spending any money to someone, or he might enter his **panic groove**.



For those wishing to shed some of the calories put on from all those Yorkshire puddings, we might put in for some fat prevention. Be careful of a **bad canyon** in Cheshire, men who keep **hidden molls** in Bedfordshire, conga snorts in the Midlands, or, scariest sounding of all, a **fading horny ram** in Liverpool.

However, when all is said and done, it's hardly surprising that we are all in the business we are, when one of our directors is a **pub urinal**.

But please, don't cheat using your computer **shortcut presets**, or you might be working for the wrong organisation.