



1st December 2018

Dear Colleague

We are pleased to announce that after a rapid period of mobilisation the island's drug and alcohol service IRIS transferred to Inclusion, part of the Midlands Partnership NHS Foundation Trust on the 1<sup>st</sup> December 2018. Inclusion is a national provider of drug and alcohol, mental health and sexual health services across England. Inclusion has been working on the island for many years providing drug and alcohol services with HMP Isle of Wight. Inclusion would like to thank the Isle of Wight NHS trust and colleagues from the Isle of Wight and Hampshire Council in supporting this transfer of service. The new service is called "**Inclusion Isle of Wight**".

Over the coming months Inclusion will be working with colleagues within the staff team to continue to build a safe, effective and resilient service and will update communications in due course to partners as we continue our transition. We are excited and determined to provide the best service we can for the residents of the Isle of Wight. As would always be the case an alcohol related medical emergency would require referral directly to A&E by the patient and their GP or ambulance service. So, from the 1<sup>st</sup> December Inclusion are able to accept normal, non-emergency referrals for alcohol. Inclusion will be working hard to build resilience in this part of the service as we enter the new year, so we ask for your patience and support throughout this time and request that you avoid a sudden influx of referrals from your teams. We will also be introducing Breaking Free Online in December, an on-line cognitive behavioural therapy platform that enables access to psychological treatment for Alcohol and Drugs in an effort to increase access to treatment across the Island.

The service will still continue to be provided from 102 Carisbrooke Road, Newport, PO30 1DB and contact details for the service are:

Tel: [01983 526654](tel:01983526654)

Email: [inclusioniow@mpft.nhs.uk](mailto:inclusioniow@mpft.nhs.uk)

Website: [www.inclusioniow.org](http://www.inclusioniow.org) (available from 17th December)

In the early stages of the new service a key principle for us to maintain continuity of care and stability. Any changes that are enacted will be communicated clearly to staff, service users and partners. Please see [attached leaflet](#) for more information. We will be sending out leaflets and posters advertising our service over the next few weeks, please contact us should you require anymore for display in your buildings.

If you would like to make a referral or have any questions or queries please do not hesitate to contact the service via the means above and please share this email within your teams and networks.

Best Wishes

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and

Dr Sallie Bacon - Director of Public Health, Hampshire and Interim Director of Public Health, Isle of Wight Council