

Case Study – Training - Safer Bristol Partnership - May 2009

The Background

Safer Bristol Partnership aims to make Bristol safer for all citizens and visitors with responsibility for co-ordinating actions which will tackle the adverse effects of crime and drugs on communities. The key priorities for the SBP are adult drug treatment, community safety, crime prevention, offender management, and young people. An organisational review highlighted the lack of evidence around robust evaluations within Safer Bristol.

The Project Objectives

The Senior Management Team in March 2009 identified the need to 'Embed the need to evaluate through a training programme on evaluation methods and processes'. This was recommended in order to bring all staff to the same level of understanding, and enable new processes to be embedded into the core practice of the partnership.

The Training

Participants completed a pre-course training form so that trainers could tailor the materials and examples used to the interests and experience of the group. The aims of the day were for participants to be able to:

- Describe and use the terms monitoring and evaluation
- Describe and use the terms aims, objectives, output, outcome, impact
- Describe the need for monitoring and evaluation in their own work
- Describe and begin to apply to their work the key processes of monitoring and evaluation
- Identify a range of evaluation tools and begin to match some of them to their project/work needs
- Plan immediate monitoring and evaluation action points to take back and implement in their project/work.

The training was delivered through a variety of facilitated activities involving participant input throughout and drawing heavily on their own experiences.

The Outcomes

Each participant planned an immediate action related to evaluation as an outcome of the training and these were shared with staff and management.

'It has helped me expand in my role to support the current people who do monitoring and evaluation'

'I am about to start evaluating a small project and this will help'

'It will help me to build evaluation into the things I spend time on'

'Enabled me to see the value of looking at evaluation as part of project planning'

Testimonial

'Excellent, pitched at the right level and very relevant to me in my role'

'Well-planned, good content and good practical examples, good networking opportunities and good to challenge myself re: processes'

'Service providers can really benefit from this training. All should do it!'

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