

## **User, Carer and Diversity project – Drugs and Alcohol**

This new project will:

**- Engage users and carers by supporting the setting up of User and Carer groups** to inform the delivery of drug and alcohol treatment services. It will support the planning of services by identifying needs and solutions to those needs from a user and carer perspective.

It will do this by working with the treatment agencies to support them to engage users and carers in the design, planning and delivery of services.

The project will also target 'hotspot' areas where local support would be important to users and carers because of geographical distance from services e.g. Barton, Brigg or because of exclusion issues e.g. The Forge, wherever possible working alongside community groups e.g. Viking Resource Centre, ensuring that the provision is as non-stigmatised and accessible as possible.

Stuart Atkinson has been appointed as the Development Worker for this project and will be joining us on secondment from CRI in September. He will have part of his role **Develop a User, Carer and Diversity Strategy** with users and carers and **act as an advocate for Users and Carers in the strategic planning arena.**