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## The Substance Misuse (Formulation and Implementation of Strategy) (Wales) Regulations 2007

## Community Engagement

10.-(1) For the purposes of preparing the strategic assessment and preparing and implementing the partnership plan the strategy group must make arrangements for obtaining the views of persons and bodies who live or work in the area about -
(a) the levels and patterns of substance misuse in the area; and
(b) the matters which each responsible authority should prioritise when exercising its functions to combat substance misuse in the area.
(2) The arrangements under paragraph (1) must, so far as is reasonable, provide for consultation with -
(a) persons who appear to the strategy group to represent the interests of as many different groups or persons within the area as is reasonable; and
(b) persons who appear to the strategy group to represent the interests of those groups or persons within the area likely to be particularly affected by the implementation of the partnership plan.
(3) In making the arrangements under paragraph (1) the strategy group must have regard to any other consultation with persons who live or work in that area that is undertaken by the responsible authorities in relation to the matters specified in sub-paragraphs 1 (a) and (b) other than under these Regulations.
(4) The arrangements made under paragraph (1) must provide that -
(a) the strategy group hold one or more public meetings during each year;
(b) that such meetings are attended by persons who hold a senior position within each of the responsible authorities;
(c) the strategy group must take steps as it considers appropriate to bring to the attention of persons who live or work in the area, or who might otherwise be interested, information about -
(i) when such meetings are held; and
(ii) what was discussed at such meetings.

