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inspire: **A new, integrated borough-wide service for those affected by alcohol and drugs across Sutton.**

- Sutton Council has awarded *inspire* Partnership a contract to deliver and manage the borough's Drug and Alcohol Recovery System.
- *inspire* offers a borough-wide alcohol and drug service, focussed on health improvement and recovery.
- *inspire* is a partnership of organisations, led by Cranstoun, a charity with over 45 years' experience of delivering specialist alcohol and drug treatment and recovery.
- The Partnership incorporates local charity organisation Community Drug Services for South London and South West London & St George's Mental Health NHS Trust, each bringing their own unique skills and experience to deliver recovery and health improvement for the borough's residents.
- The partnership of skilled and experienced organisations brings together the best of public and third sector health and social care provision, building upon local existing strengths and co-ordinating respective expertise.
- This new *inspire* service brings integration, innovation, new opportunities and a fresh approach for those affected by alcohol and drugs.
- The *inspire* partnership is ambitious for those it works with and aims to support service users into recovery, free from the harms of alcohol and drugs.

Following a thorough competitive tendering and procurement process, Sutton Council have awarded Cranstoun and the *inspire* Partnership the contract to provide adult drug and alcohol treatment and recovery services. This new service will commence on 1st April 2016.

In the run up to 1st April 2016, *inspire* will be seeking the views and involvement of Sutton residents, to help us shape the way we work.

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Steve Rossell, Chief Executive, Cranstoun says:

"Cranstoun is delighted to be given the opportunity to build upon the good work that has been developed, over a number of years, across the borough.

inspire has been designed with the specific needs of the borough in mind and will seek to have service users at the centre of what we do and the wider community alongside us in our ambition to develop genuine recovery across the borough. Through partnership, integration, innovation and building on what works we seek to have a real impact on the lives of individuals and communities affected by alcohol and drugs."

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Notes

1. Since 1969 Cranstoun has been making life better for those affected by alcohol and drugs. Our skilled and compassionate people work closely with services users and their families to change and save lives. We combine proven expertise in treatment and recovery with innovative approaches and actively involve those we help in improving the design of the services we provide.
Cranstoun is a charity and NGO providing help and hope to those affected by alcohol and drug use. Our recovery and reintegration approach provides high quality and effective treatment, rehabilitation and support services, to individuals and their communities, in order to reduce the impact and harm caused by alcohol and drugs.
2. Steve Rossell, Cranstoun Chief Executive and Peter Glass, Cranstoun's Director of Operations are both available for comment.
3. Additional information about Cranstoun and its work is available at <http://www.cranstoun.org/>