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## Round-Up

We Are With You have enforced Covid restrictions again over the Christmas period.

Our service supports clients with substance misuse access or those affected by someone else's use. At this time we are offering a blended approach to support. We Are offering telephone appointments/ video calls, virtual group work sessions and continue to prioritise the high risk and vulnerable in person supporting those who need it most . We have had some staff self isolating but this has been mostly due to other contact travel on ferries and own family contacts for example. The majority of our staff team are fully vaccinated.

We continue to develop our service and we are actively seeking new referral routes. We continue to establish and develop new partnerships. We are in discussion with local housing providers in Helensburgh and Bute. To look at the possibility of us getting some premises in the heart of these communities where we struggle to find appropriate places to meet. The vision is these would become valuable community resources for us and the people we support and partner agencies. We propose to run Helensburgh as a pilot and already have identified a site. If this proves successful we would hope to replicate this in all the localities.

We have met with 2 new community workers Peter Ellerton MAKI Link Worker and Patrick Cavanagh A&B Homeless and Addictions Nurse and envisioned future working partnership. Along with ongoing work with Criminal Justice Social Work, GP Surgeries, CarrGomm, Acumen, LAAS( Lomond and Argyll Advocacy Support) and Public Health Living Well Networks.

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