

## Collaborative and Joint Working Projects – Camurus Ltd

### Collaborative Working Executive Summary

**Project title:** Initiation of low threshold prescribing for opioid dependence within a police custody setting

**Project background:** In line with recent UK Drug Strategy to increase the number of people with opioid dependence in treatment, expand diversion schemes, and reduce overdose and offending, the Project will implement and evaluate a low threshold approach to engagement and treatment for people with opioid dependence during periods of police custody.

**Organisations involved:** Cranstoun and Camurus Ltd. Both parties will contribute approximately equal resources to this project, financial and in-kind.

#### Benefits to patients:

- Begin treatment of opioid dependency at first contact with a service during a time of potential motivation
- Demonstrating an early commitment to treatment that may have implications for a Community Sentence Treatment Requirement
- Potentially reduced exposure to re-offending risk through treatment engagement and timely prescribing

#### Benefits to Cranstoun:

- Demonstrate police custody as an environment to initiate treatment for opioid dependence
- Improve service performance through increased engagement following liberation from short-term custody
- Develop a 'low threshold prescribing within a police custody environment' model to take elsewhere as part of a future service offer

#### Benefits to Camurus Ltd:

- Better understanding of how the Camurus product may be integrated in opioid dependence treatment pathways in the criminal justice system
- Enhanced reputation as a valued healthcare provider in opioid dependence treatment

**Project timelines:** project agreed April 2023 and expected to be implemented over the subsequent 18 months.

## Joint Working Executive Summary

**Project title:** Development of an opioid substitution therapy (OST) product Toolkit

**Project background:** Spectrum Community Health CIC are planning to introduce an unfamiliar opioid substitution therapy (OST) across their secure and community estates. To mitigate against the risk of fragmented and poorly executed implementation, Spectrum Learn and Develop Ltd will work together with Camurus UK Ltd to develop comprehensive and detailed guidance for clinicians working in Spectrum's secure environments.

**Organisations involved:** Spectrum Community Health CIC (via Spectrum Learn and Develop Ltd) and Camurus Ltd. Both parties will contribute approximately equal resources to this project in terms of financial resource investment, project management and expertise.

### Project objectives:

- Make changes to service delivery models at two prison sites to include the option for the administration of the Camurus OST product
- Provide advice and guidance about the cohort of patients in the secure environment that are most likely to benefit from this formulation
- Capture estate and healthcare resource utilisation information
- Describe procedures for transition between OST treatments
- Understand and describe the implications on service user experience and community perceptions across the service users' recovery/care pathway
- Optimise continuity of care between community, custodial and hospital settings
- Produce a step-by-step operational guide to support implementation of the pathway in other Spectrum CIC secure and community estates

### Benefits to Patients:

- Implementation of a clinically effective care pathway including the option of a previously unavailable OST for service users in the prison environment
- Access to an alternative OST which may offer them a range of benefits
- Improved continuity of care between the criminal justice and community treatment settings

### Benefits to Spectrum Learn and Develop Ltd:

- Relevant education and training for healthcare employees involved
- Members of the Spectrum Learn and Develop team will be supported by advisors from Camurus Ltd on relevant updates of the Certificate in the Management of Drug Misuse Part 1 and Part 2 (RCGP Accredited)

### Benefits to Camurus Ltd:

- Better understanding of customers' and service users' needs in the secure environment
- Faster adoption of good practice guidance for treatment of opioid dependence in secure environments which may be relevant to Camurus Ltd business
- Enhanced reputation as a valued healthcare partner in opioid dependence treatment

**Project timelines:** the project started in March 2020. The initial expected duration was 12 months, however follow-up will extend into 2023 to account for implementation delays associated with the COVID-19 pandemic.

**Project update:** The final report, including evaluation of the project, is expected to be completed in August 2023 at which point the project will conclude.

## Joint Working Executive Summary

**Project title:** Opioid dependence treatment keyworker training programme

**Project background:** Addiction Professionals is a professional network that offers training, education and expert support to anyone involved in the treatment of addictions. Addiction Professionals will work together with Camurus Ltd to create and deliver a training package for keyworkers so that they can support patients to make informed decisions regarding treatment selection and their ongoing opioid substitution treatment (OST) journey.

**Organisations involved:** Addiction Professionals and Camurus Ltd. Both parties will contribute approximately equal resources to this project in terms of staff time and financial contributions.

### Project objectives:

- Design a training programme for keyworkers covering the following:
  - An outline of the basic pharmacology, evidence for use, and treatment considerations for the range of OST products
  - The role of psychosocial interventions
  - Motivational techniques for working with clients to support treatment selection, and ongoing treatment journeys
- Design a 'train the trainer' module and evaluation aimed at keyworkers who wish to train others within their organisations
- Deliver the keyworker training programme and 'train the trainer' module to up to 5 sites in England currently prescribing the Camurus OST product
- Assess the impact of the training programme

### Benefits to Patients:

- Through providing a high-quality training programme for keyworkers, it is anticipated that patients will receive accurate information on all available treatment options to empower them to make an informed choice of which treatment is suited to their treatment goals

### Benefits to Addiction Professionals:

- Addiction Professionals will benefit from Camurus' product knowledge and support to develop resources

### Benefits to Camurus Ltd:

- Better understanding of the educational needs of keyworkers at drug treatment services
- Enhanced reputation as a valued healthcare partner in opioid dependence treatment

**Project timelines:** the project will start in September/October 2020 with an expected duration of 7 months.

**Project update:** Training commenced in December 2021. Based on positive feedback from participants, Camurus and Addiction Professionals are now exploring opportunities to increase the reach and scope of the training. The project is now concluded.

## Joint Working Executive Summary

**Project title:** Opioid substitution treatment (OST) service evaluation in Forth Valley Prisons

**Project background:** Opioid dependence is a health problem that is disproportionately represented in prisons due to acquisitive crime and illegal substance possession, with prison-based healthcare representing an important opportunity to access treatment (Wright et al., 2020). The range of OST options available in this setting carry various advantages and disadvantages.

**Organisations involved:** NHS Forth Valley Health Board and Camurus Ltd. Both parties will contribute approximately equal resources to this project.

### Project objectives:

The objective of this joint working project is to conduct a service evaluation in order to assess the use of the Camurus product in custodial settings in the Forth Valley Health Board area. It will also include assessment of patient satisfaction, treatment experiences and continuity of care post-liberation.

### Benefits to Patients:

- Evaluation of the service may allow for its optimisation and may help inform decision-making on longer-term funding, thereby maintaining patient access to the full range of treatment options beyond the COVID-19 pandemic

### Benefits to NHS Forth Valley Health Board:

- Expertise in assessment of treatment outcomes, statistical analysis and medical writing will be provided by Camurus Ltd

### Benefits to Camurus Ltd:

- Better understanding of how the Camurus product may be appropriately integrated in opioid dependence treatment pathways in the custodial setting
- Enhanced reputation as a healthcare partner in opioid dependence treatment

**Project timelines:** the project started in March/April 2021 with an expected duration of 12 months.

**Project update:** Data collection and analysis has been completed. Summary outcomes have been presented at a number of specialist conferences during 2021 and 2022. Additional work is being undertaken by NHSS Forth Valley to explore outcomes as patients transition from prison to the community.