

## ***Appendix: discussion of issues by group participants***

1. What are the problems facing provision of gender specific treatment ?
2. How far are philosophical differences of approach to women's drinking a problem?
3. How might training for GPs and for social workers be improved in the area of women's alcohol misuse?
4. To what extent is current concern over women's alcohol use an expression of a generalised fear of social change?

### **WORKSHOP 1—group 1**

#### **Question 1 -What are the problems facing provision of gender specific treatment ?**

1. Funding
2. Appropriate places and spaces
3. Stigma
4. Cutbacks/diminished provision

#### **Question 2- How far are philosophical differences of approach to women's drinking a problem?**

1. Demonisation of women who drink
2. Reputation of AA accessing prisons etc—long established group
3. Publicity for women only services—getting known about
4. Different approaches—e.g. use of Skype, phonelines

#### **Question 3- How might training for GPs and for social workers be improved in the area of women's alcohol misuse?**

1. WIAS training for GPs and other professionals—workshops
2. Publish work in wider range journals and formats
3. Go out into the community
4. Raising WIAS profile

#### **Question 4- To what extent is current concern over women's alcohol use an expression of a generalised fear of social change?**

1. Ongoing prejudice women drinking
2. Social culture—clubs—response to social stress
3. Cheap to buy these days
4. Use of social media by young people—being like your friends
5. Current financial stresses on people

### **WORKSHOP 1—group 2**

#### **Question 1 -What are the problems facing provision of gender specific treatment ?**

1. Funding
2. Gender as concept—power—inequality
3. Stigma so women not seeking help
4. Perception of demand for service

**Question 2- How far are philosophical differences of approach to women's drinking a problem?**

1. Culture in England
2. Binge culture
3. Finding a treatment that works—not just one type

**Question 3- How might training for GPs and for social workers be improved in the area of women's alcohol misuse?**

1. GP training—involve social workers
2. More user-led services
3. Length of training

**Question 4- To what extent is current concern over women's alcohol use an expression of a generalised fear of social change?**

Expectations of women's roles

**WORKSHOP 2—group 1**

**Question 1 -What are the problems facing provision of gender specific treatment ?**

1. **Funding—lack money**
2. Lack recognition need gender specific services
3. Treatment models
4. Availability gender-specific trained staff

**Question 2- How far are philosophical differences of approach to women's drinking a problem?**

1. At what stage do you intervene
2. Stigma

**Question 3- How might training for GPs and for social workers be improved in the area of women's alcohol misuse?**

1. Joint training and joint work—culture shifts
2. Social context
3. Whose need is greatest--Information sharing
4. More person-centred approach
5. Less stigma

**Question 4- To what extent is current concern over women's alcohol use an expression of a generalised fear of social change?**

Progress with FDAC courts

## **WORKSHOP 2—group 2**

### **Question 1 -What are the problems facing provision of gender specific treatment ?**

1. Finding the people to join the group: Mothers—fear of kids taken away--Risk balance with children
2. Availability and access services
3. Sexist society still
4. Need safe setting

### **Question 2- How far are philosophical differences of approach to women's drinking a problem?**

1. Difficulties with AA approaches: structure—like church
2. Conflict with SU values
3. Lack social perspective
4. Pathologising---shuts down women's voice
5. Control—total abstinence
6. Other approaches like CBT not supported
7. All about social control

### **Question 3—not answered**

### **Question 4-not answered**