

‘A commercial Break’

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Part 1 – aspirational futures and the Forum’s alcohol and Drugs project

Part 2 A systems approach to drugs and alcohol

Part 3 Some interim thoughts and 9 June Conference, Holyrood



Part 1

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Sam, The West Wing

“Mallory. Education is everything. We don't need little changes. We need gigantic monumental changes. Schools should be palaces. The competition for the best teachers should be fierce. They should be making six-figure salaries.

School should be incredibly expensive for government and absolutely free of charge to its citizens, just like national defence. That's my position.

I just haven't figured out how to do it yet”

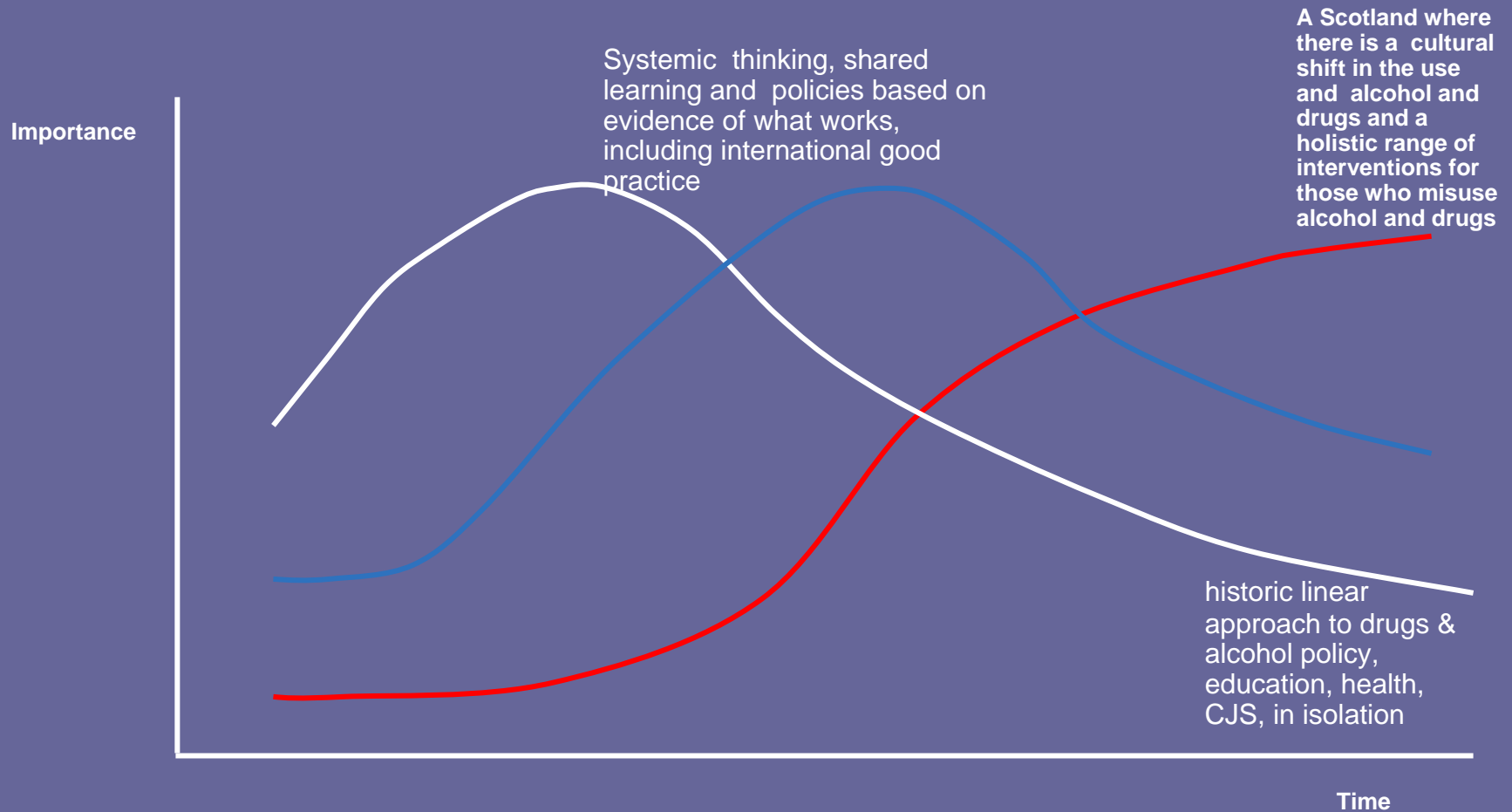


Scotland's futures Forum aspirational question

How can Scotland reduce the damage to
its population through alcohol and drugs
by half by 2025?



Futures thinking -Three horizons



Part 2

- A systems approach to drugs and alcohol

Our approach

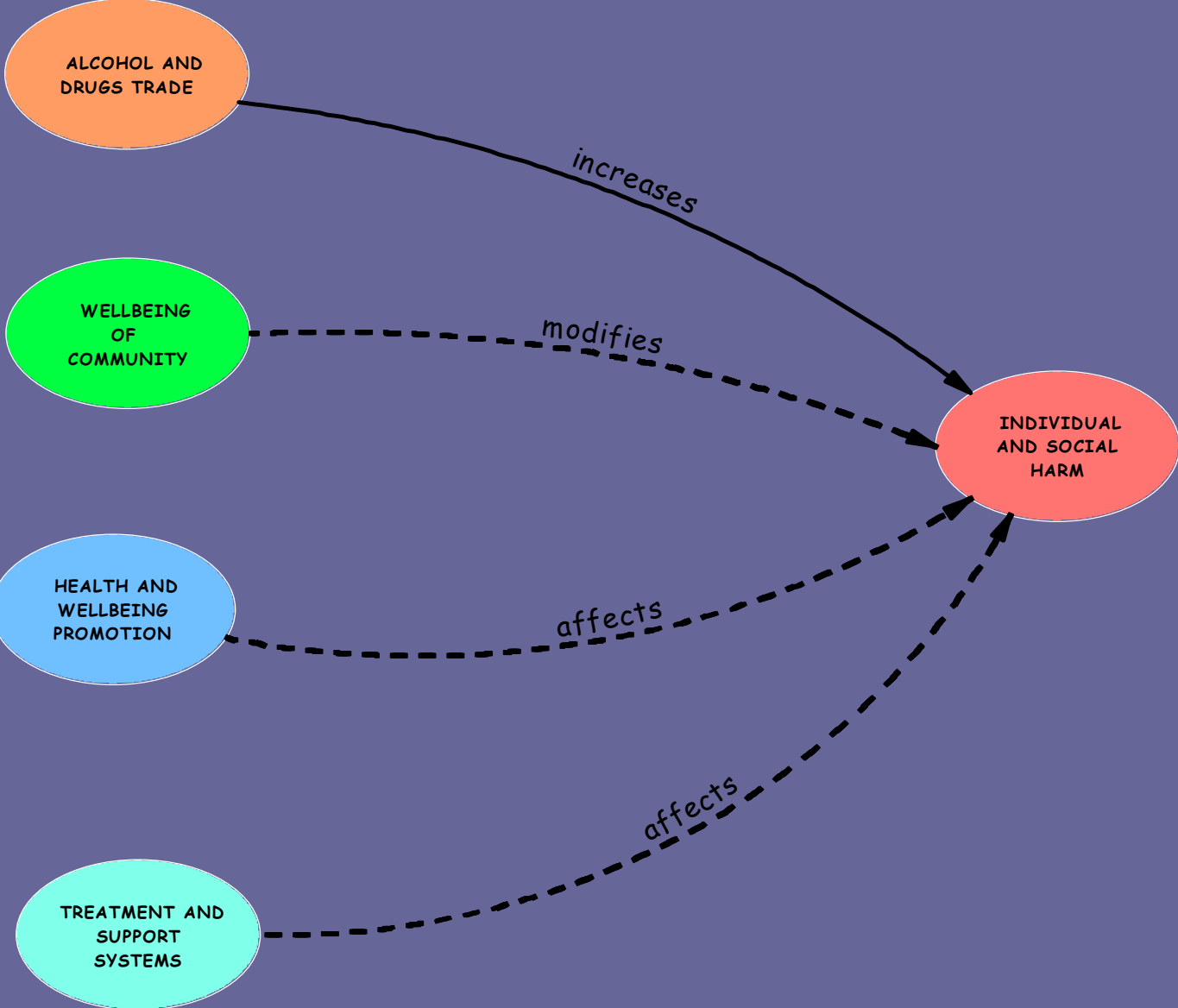
- Stimulate high quality public policy debate
- Communicate complexity in an understandable way
- Allow every stakeholder group to see where they fit into the solution



Where did we start?

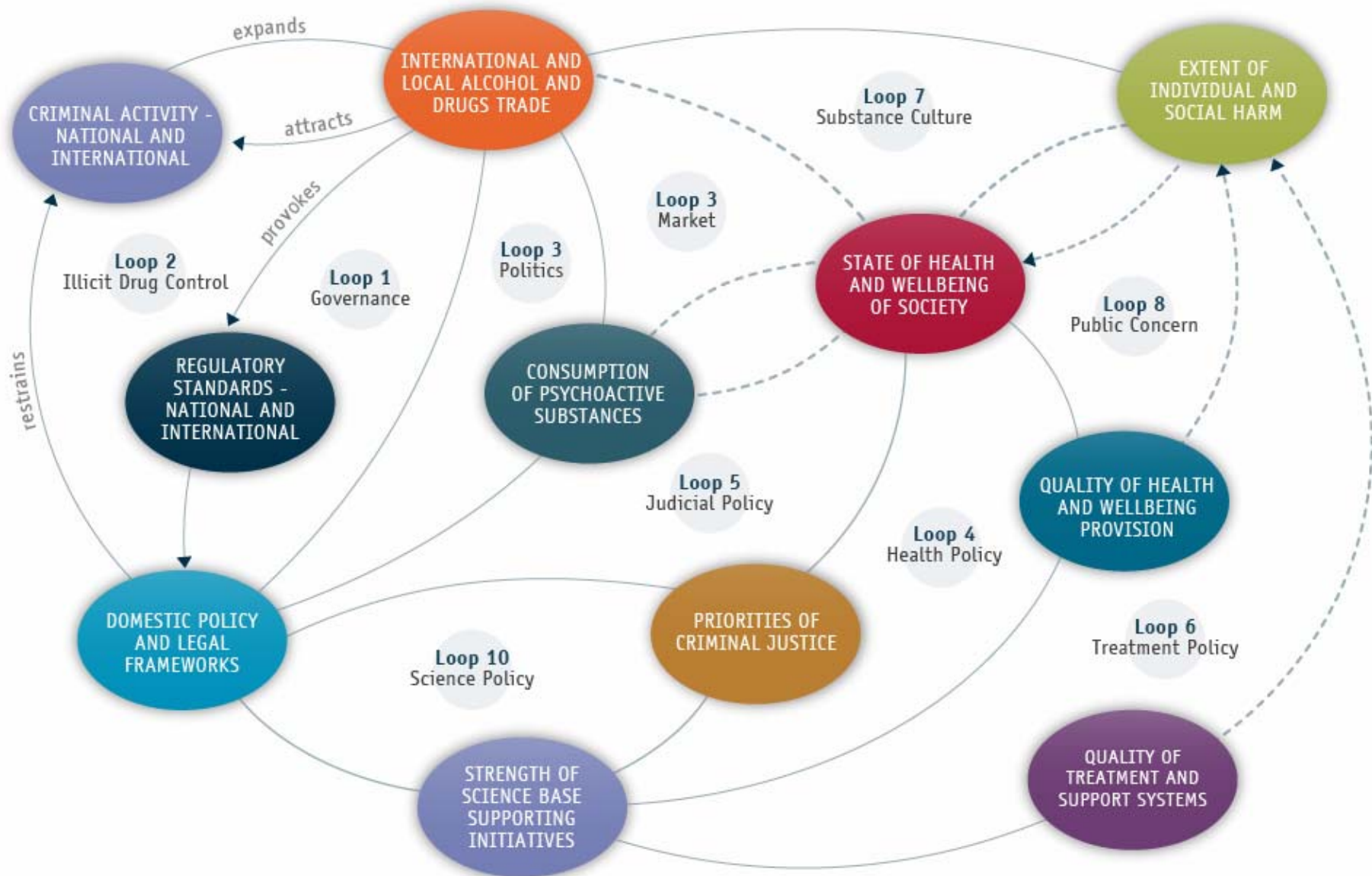
- Set up a project community of 600 people and effectively gave the Forum to them. The project community is largely made up from
 - Police
 - Service Users
 - Addiction specialists
 - Academics
 - Community groups
 - Families of those affected by misuse
 - International organisations
 - Policy makers
 - Young people's views
 - The drinks Industry
 - Front line workers
 - Medical professionals
 - MSPs





A Loopy World

- Community Concern for Wellbeing
 - Substance Culture
 - Treatment Policy
 - Health Policy
 - Science
- Market
 - Judicial Policy
 - Politics
 - Governance
 - Illicit Drug Control



Part 3

Some interim conclusions and 9
June Conference, Holyrood

10 Interim thoughts to consider:

- A question of architecture – no silver bullet
- People centred approaches - a growing evidence base
- To reduce damage you have to reduce consumption
- Early interventions – a moral and a business case
- Funding on an evidence basis through joint outcome measures
- Better range of treatment options must exist
- Massive investment needed in mental health, bereavement, sexual abuse and self help techniques
- Much better through-care must exist for people leaving CJS
- Substance culture shift, for example, who should deliver drugs education?
- Reduce the chaos in peoples lives through wider community support and the promotion of life skills

A Trailer

9 June 2008

- Recommendations of what each stakeholder has to do now, in 2008, if we are to realise our goal of halving damage by 2025
- A systems analysis
- A collection of national and international expert opinion and evidence

Why is this approach worthwhile and how can it be used by you

- Not linear
- A tool
- A diagnostic
- ACPOS are partners to the Forum. Welcome the chance to share this approach and work with any of you to see how it can help you and your partners in different areas of Scotland