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## **NEW CHAIR OF TRUSTEES FOR FOCUS12**

The Bury St Edmunds based drug and alcohol rehabilitation charity Focus12 has announced the appointment of Steve Magnall as its Chair of Trustees. The change comes at a time when much needed government funding for the charity is due to be withdrawn, meaning the charity faces a troubled future.

Steve has been on the board of trustees at Focus12 for the past year, and takes over as Chair from Peter Cowley, who is standing down after four years as Chair, but will continue as a Trustee for the charity. Steve is Deputy Managing Director of the Brewing and Brands Business at Greene King, lives in Bury St Edmunds and is married with children.

Steve Magnall said: "I am proud to be involved with such a worthwhile cause and look forward to working more closely with Chip and his team in these difficult economic times. Focus12 provides an invaluable service to the families of addicts, as well as helping addicts themselves, and it is vital that we do all we can to protect and enhance this facility as we move forward."

Chief Executive of Focus12, Chip Somers, added: "We are all really pleased to welcome Steve as our new chair of Trustees. As a charity, we are fortunate to have a very supportive board of Trustees with a varied and strong skill set, and with his commercial experience and skills, Steve is the ideal person to head up that team."

Further information can be found on the website at [www.focus12.co.uk](http://www.focus12.co.uk) or can be obtained by telephoning the charity on 01284 701702.

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**NOTES TO EDITOR**

*Photograph attached of Steve Magnall.*

*Focus12 is a drug and alcohol rehabilitation centre, and was established in 1997 by Chief Executive, Chip Somers.*

*It offers both daycare and residential facilities and is able to offer a full range of treatments, from individual therapy to an intensive 12 week detox programme, based on total abstinence.*

*It counts celebrity patrons Russell Brand and Davina McCall amongst its loyal supporters.*