

Mawan: State to set up more centres to deal with drug dependency problems

KUCHING: Three new Cure and Care Service Centres (CCSCs) will be set up in the state to provide services to those with drug dependency problem.

Social Development Minister Tan Sri William Mawan said currently there was only one such centre in the state.

He said the sole centre here, which was established in February last year, had received 74 both in-patients and out-patients with drug problems.

Mawan, who is state Drug Prevention Action Council (DPAC) chairman, said the new CCSCs would be set up in Limbang, Sibu and Sri Aman.

“The purpose of setting up more CCSCs is not just to cater for the increase in the number of drug addicts, but to show the people that the government care for and very much concerned about them.

“It is also part of our (DPAC’s) commitments toward social transformation,” he told a press conference after chairing the DPAC meeting at Wisma Bapa Malaysia here yesterday.

On the Community Caring House (CCH), Mawan said the ministry planned to set up one CCH at Kampung Judan in Mukah soon.

Currently, he said the CCHs were only available here and in Bintulu.

Mawan said aside from the CCSCs and CCHs, there were also the 1Malaysia Cure and Care Clinic here and a mini one in Miri to help drug addicts from going into a relapse.

He said the clinic would be offering treatments to inmates of the rehabilitation centres as well as those who came voluntarily to help them overcome their addictions, including glue sniffing and inhalant.

He said parents or relatives could bring their drug dependent loved ones to seek treatment at the clinic.

He said the clinic was also to give drug dependents and abusers the option of rehabilitating themselves through an alternative method.