

Children and Young People's Overview and scrutiny Committee

Systematic Review: Support for Children and Young People with Mental Health Issues

Review Recommendation	Cabinet Response		Implementation	
	Agreed?	Actions	Resib'ty	Timescale
<p>1. That Cabinet request that the Corporate Director of Children and Adult Services encourage school governing bodies to refresh of their policies on alcohol and substance misuse. To include minimum standards for education resources that are available to schools and minimum training for people delivering interventions in schools, and in doing so ensure that not drinking is considered a viable option in alcohol education and a whole school approach is taken to physical and emotional wellbeing. Additionally, ensure that youth services and Area Action Partnerships are enabled to provide alcohol education to young people to the minimum standard above.</p>	Yes	<p>The Corporate Director of Children and Adult Services presented at a Secondary School Head Teachers meeting in November 2014. Within the presentation the recommendations from the report were highlighted and Governing Bodies were encouraged to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • be actively involved in reviewing and refreshing their school's policies. • raise awareness of the good practice guidance • Schools are encouraged to work with parents to address all three strands of alcohol education – knowledge, skills/support and attitudes and values. <p>AAPs and Youth Services to be trained in Alcohol Education for their setting.</p>	CAS	<p>Complete</p> <p>June 2015</p>

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<p>2. That Cabinet request that the Joint Health and Wellbeing Board, the Children and Families Partnership, Safe Durham Partnership and the Local Safeguarding Children's Board remind NHS Foundation Trusts in the North East of their clear duty to share information where children are at risk, in this instance young people who attend Emergency Departments with alcohol related injuries. They need to ensure that children and young people who present with alcohol or substance misuse related injuries at emergency departments in the trust areas are referred for specialist interventions to address any alcohol or substance misuse related problem at the earliest opportunity.</p>	Yes	<p>Referral pathways have been established between UHND and 4Real.</p> <p>The new drug and alcohol service for young people and adults will aim to build on the existing pathways in UHND and expand to other hospitals.</p>	JHWB/ CFP	September 2015

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3. That Cabinet request that the Corporate Director of Children and Adult Services, the Director of Public Health and the Joint Health and Wellbeing Board consider how to increase awareness among parents of the dangers of alcohol to their children and advice about safe drinking under 18.	Yes	<p>A leaflet developed as part of the Wear Community Alcohol Partnership has been amended and is now available across County Durham and can be found at appendix 4. When 4Real are undertaking education within schools they are highlighting the leaflet. A number of secondary schools have made the leaflet available on this website.</p> <p>Further work will be undertaken on engaging parents through Operation ARIES and within the development of the new Alcohol Harm Reduction Strategy.</p>	CAS/ JHWB	<p>Complete</p> <p>September 2015</p>

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4. That Cabinet support the work of Balance in its quest to make changes in minimum unit pricing of alcohol, alcohol advertising and changes to licensing legislation. Request that the Director of Public Health write to the Directors of Public Health Network and Public Health England to raise the issue of alcohol sales and advertising in cinemas where films are rated as U or PG.	Yes	<p>The Director of Public Health wrote to the Home Office in relation to alcohol advertising and sales in cinemas. The response received from the Rt Hon Lynne Featherstone MP, Minister for Crime Prevention is attached at appendix 5.</p> <p>Balance, the North East Alcohol Office, on behalf of the Directors of Public Health from across the North East, will continue to lobby for change to alcohol advertising and alcohol licensing.</p>	CAS	<p>Complete</p> <p>October 2015</p>

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<p>5. That Cabinet request the Corporate Director of Children and Adult Services to ensure a 'Think Family' approach is used when parental alcohol and/or substance misuse is identified. Parental drug and alcohol misuse can have a serious impact on the lives of children and young people therefore the children of those parents receive early interventions to assess the impact of their parents drinking/drug taking on them even when parents are known to have a problem but are not accessing treatment services.</p>	Yes	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Children's Services to incorporate the AUDIT tool into their assessment paperwork to ensure all families are screened for parental alcohol use and referred to recovery/treatment services as appropriate 2. Children's Services staff in First Contact, One Point, Stronger Families and Safeguarding to be trained in identification (AUDIT) and brief advice and referral pathways. 3. Referral pathways from First Contact, One Point, Stronger Families and Safeguarding to be developed and implemented following the implementation of the new alcohol and drug service for young people and adults. 4. Children who need help due to parental alcohol misuse to be referred to the Stronger Families Program. 	CAS	<p>Sept 2015</p> <p>September 2015</p> <p>July 2015</p> <p>September 2015</p>