

Substance Misuse Screening and Referral Pathway



Trigger Factors

The young person is involved in a drug related incident

You think the young person might be using substances

The young person asks for advice or information about substances, or asks for help

The young person is in one of the following groups: involved in the criminal justice system, looked after by the local authority, leaving local authority care, excluded from mainstream education, persistent truants, homeless, being exploited sexually, children whose parents have drug or alcohol problems

Complete substance misuse screening tool with the young person

Outcomes of Screening

No risk use
Not currently using drugs or drinking alcohol

Low risk use
This young person has experimented with alcohol or soft drugs but is not using regularly and/or is not having any serious problems

Medium risk use
This young person is using fairly regularly, might have experimented with class A drugs, and is having some problems. As well as making sure they have good information about the risks involved, they need to do some serious thinking about how their drinking or drug use is affecting them. Their use could easily start to take over their life or cause big problems.

High risk use
This young person is using too much and taking too many risks. Their use of drugs or alcohol is out of hand and is seriously affecting them in a bad way. They need to either stop or seriously cut down and they need to do it now, not tomorrow.

Action by Worker

Action 1

Provide basic educational information

Action 2

Provide basic educational information

Provide harm reduction advice or information

Action 3

Provide basic educational information

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Consult with SHED (0114 272 9164) re: possible referral

Provide basic educational information

Provide harm reduction advice or information

Refer to SHED (0114 272 9164) for Substance Misuse Assessment

Ring SHED (0114 272 9164) or FRANK (National: Tel 0800 77 66 00) to get some free leaflets and resources