



## Staffordshire Children & Young People's Strategic Action Plan (CYPP) 2011-12 Performance Monitoring

The purpose of this update is to provide a succinct overview on the progress towards achieving the Children & Young People's Strategic Action Plan Key Strategic Priority Outcomes for 2011-12: Alcohol and substance misuse, and relates to the Staffordshire Alcohol & Drugs Strategy 2010-2015 & Young People's Substance Misuse Needs Assessment and Treatment Plan 2011/12.

### Key progress towards the achievement of the aims and objectives set out within the strategy:

The tendering process for the re-commissioning of young people's substance misuse provision will shortly be underway. At this current time services being tendered for will include a young people's structured specialist treatment service and a young people's substance misuse 'At Risk' project. The new contract for these services will be in place from the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2012. The process has been informed by broad stakeholder consultation including young people, parents/carers and partner agencies and departments. The awarding of the new contract will be supported by a young people's tender panel, who will be interviewing tendering organisations.

Annual targets for young people accessing specialist treatment is 265. End of quarter four data shows that 289 young people accessed treatment from April 2010 to March 2011. Planned exits for the service remain at good levels. A planned exit refers to the planned and supported way in which young people exit the treatment system, this can involve being supported back into education or training or referral to other agencies for support. Planned exits for the young people's treatment service remain at 83%, which is in the top quartile nationally.

A Hidden Harm working group had previously been brought together to develop a 5 year Hidden Harm Strategy for Staffordshire. The Hidden Harm Strategy is currently open to consultation until the 29<sup>th</sup> July, with an expected launch in Autumn 2011. The implementation of the strategy will have an impact on working practice in the future. Those stakeholders that have not yet provided feedback responses are encouraged to do so before the consultation comes to an end. A copy of the strategy can be viewed at: <http://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/health/substancemisuse/Homepage.aspx>.

Nigel Manning has recently joined the substance misuse commissioning team to support the progression into the next stages of the Total Staffordshire Alcohol Pilot and focus on the areas that need more support. Particular attention will be given to the mapping of current provision and alcohol referral pathways.

### Areas of challenge/concern are:

Substantial reductions in funding previously led to a review and remodelling of young people's substance misuse provision. We will not be able to re-commission the current SMART Parent Carer Support project, post September 2011, therefore a number of actions have been identified to ensure that families who are affected by substance misuse are supported to achieve the same outcomes. Actions included;

a) Supporting the workforce development programme for Families First, by delivering basic drug/alcohol awareness and awareness of current service provision and support available across the county.

b) Development of joint local protocols (including referral pathways) between drug and alcohol partnerships and children and family services.

c) The introduction of Moving Parents and Children Together (M-PACT) which offers whole family support for families living with parental substance misuse. The programme would need to be delivered by a range of practitioners from local authority services and include staff from specialist treatment services. Each programme works with up to eight families and works with both the parents and the children who are affected by the parent's substance misuse.

**How can the Staffordshire Children & Young People's Strategic Partnership assist in helping you overcome these areas of challenge/concern?**

Where applicable/appropriate the partnership would be able to assist by supporting the above actions and nominate staff to support developments around family support and care pathways as well as supporting the Hidden Harm consultation.

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