

## **Cambridgeshire DAAT Summary Young Peoples Strategy 2005-2008**

The Young People's Substance Misuse Strategy details the priorities for Cambridgeshire in the next 3 years. These have been identified through consultation with the agencies that make up the membership of the Young Peoples Strategic Implementation Group and other key stakeholders. In addition to the consultation process consideration was also given to the emphasis the Government is placing on education, prevention, enforcement and treatment to prevent and tackle problematic drug use.

For a copy of the full strategy please contact the DAAT Office

**Aim: Ensure countywide joined-up approach to Drug and Alcohol services for young people.**

### **Objectives:**

- To provide consistent, appropriate, timely support to all young people at the level they need, with clear referral pathways to interventions and treatment.
- By ensuring that wider services, beyond drugs and alcohol, have clarity on referral processes, routes and services for young people across Cambridgeshire.

### **Outcomes**

- That all young people have access to a range of substance misuse services countywide.
- Young People's Substance Misuse work is inclusive and flexible to need.
- Young People receive appropriate level interventions and are supported if they move between the tiered services.
- That all universal children's and young people's services are clear where and how to refer a young person, once a substance related need has been identified.
- That from the young person's point of view services are joined up and responsive to need at the point of entry.

**Aim: All young people to have access to appropriate substance misuse interventions across Cambridgeshire.**

### **Objectives:**

- Interventions are developed and responsive to identified need, robust screening is utilised at a Tier 1 level and young people receive interventions in the most appropriate manner for that young person.
- Interventions are supported by appropriate work with parents where necessary.
- Targeted interventions for vulnerable young people are developed within integrated services to respond effectively to young people's needs.

### **Outcomes**

- Increase in professionals receiving substance misuse training
- Increase in Young Peoples (under age 19) receiving Tier 3 Treatment

**AIM: To provide a consistent high quality universal entitlement programme of preventative drug and alcohol education on the "life skills" model for all young people ages 4-18.**

### **Objective:**

- Information on drugs and alcohol is delivered at an appropriate level to ensure a consistent countywide approach to delivering messages on substance misuse, in particular cannabis and alcohol, and where to get help.

### **Outcomes:**

- Information on Substance Misuse and in particular cannabis and alcohol use is clear and consistent across the county. The same message is delivered across the county.
- Increase in vulnerable young people being reached with targeted substance misuse information.

## **Aim: Reduce Harms to Children of Substance Misusing Parents**

### **Objective:**

- To ensure the children of substance misusing parents are supported and protected.

### **Outcomes:**

- Vulnerable young people have access to support and inclusion in wider services that best benefit their needs.
- Barriers to engagement with 'hard to reach' groups are reduced.
- Substance misusing parents are linked to relevant support services, which in turn benefit the young person.

## **Aim: Ensuring parents receive information about the effects of substance misuse and where they can get help support and advice**

### **Objective**

- To ensure information, advice and support is available for all parents

### **Outcome**

- Information provided to parents is accurate
- Parents/carers know where to get accurate information and support regarding their child's drug and/or alcohol misuse
- Increase in the numbers of parents attending drug and alcohol awareness sessions.
- Increase in the numbers of parents accessing drug and alcohol services for support.

Baseline figures to be set in agreement with providers. Targets for following 3 years to be set with guidance from Government Office.