










Alcohol & Young People Policy Review Recommendations

Summary Review Progress					
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Recommendation	Owner	Due Date	RAG	Progress Commentary	
RECOMMENDATION 1 Recording - all agencies and services involved with the every child matters agenda to develop systematic recording mechanisms to record the incidence of alcohol use among young people	Markall, John	31/03/2011	★	The Health Needs Assessment Project has concluded its work and reported to the Joint Commissioning Board of the Children's Trust. The Project involved setting commissioning standards for services to ensure consistency in data collection to understand needs of children and young people. Other standards include customer insight, equality assessment, stakeholder engagement, measuring outcomes and ensuring equality through service provision. The project recognised that these processes need to be embedded with services delivering against all health priorities in order to have a strategic understanding of need and to produce a comprehensive needs assessment. The project considered all health priorities for children and young people detailed in the CYPP. These are substance and alcohol misuse, sexual health, mental health, reducing childhood obesity and accident prevention. As a result of this project, there is now a local performance framework for all of the health priorities which is with commissioners for implementation.	
RECOMMENDATION 2. Analysing - the evidence recorded should be analysed to assess changing patterns of drinking habits and the extent of alcohol misuse in order to help inform the safer sunderland partnership's alcohol strategy.	Markall, John	31/03/2011	★	The JSNA process will ensure the analysis of evidence and recorded information in the future which will be resourced through the Strategy, Policy and Performance Management function within Shared and Strategic Services.	
RECOMMENDATION 3 Evaluating current strategies - to ensure that what is measured makes a difference, there should be assessment of the impact of neighbourhood interventions such as diversionary activities and youth work	Markall, John	31/03/2011	★	Measuring impact and outcomes is becoming a commissioning standard and is now embedded within the drafting of all service specifications by the Commissioning Team in Children's Services. Currently tools are being developed that are linked to the commissioning standards and will be offered to services as a way of evidencing service improvement and to help support our understanding of the impact that services are having for children and young people.	
RECOMMENDATION 4 Training - work with head teachers to prioritise local training for teachers in alcohol misuse issues and also for this to be prioritized as part of the curriculum	Brown, Peter	30/06/2010	★	Secondary schools and head teachers will be visited in September 2011 to receive more information regarding the Risk and Resilience core offer, developed through Sunderland's Risk and Resilience board. The core offer to schools on Risk and Resilience will ensure all children receive a basic entitlement of drug education and will support teachers in planning and delivery the subject. One resource underpinning the core offer is a planning tool for Drug & Alcohol education Key Stage 3 & 4 which outlines the outcomes a young person should achieve for each particular year group. This tool also helps young people understand what they should expect as part of their education so they can have higher expectations of it. Accompanying this planning tool is an offer of support to targeted schools facilitated by YDAP who will work with vulnerable groups of pupils on drug and alcohol issues. YDAP will also deliver training to school staff as part of this targeted offer. Schools will also be provided with appropriate resources to deliver risk and resilience topics, as well as professional support through initiatives such as team teach and speak easy. Government funding for the PSHE CPD Programme in Sunderland ceased in April 2010. Therefore no standardised training has been delivered since April 2010 for alcohol misuse. Alcohol misuse work has been delivered in schools setting by the YDAP service, although this mainly deals with the awareness side rather than teaching strategies and interventions. Schools are still engaged in the Healthy Schools programme, which is now a local programme as government funding was withdrawn in April 2011. The Healthy Schools Enhancement Model is still progressing with the 29 school signed up in September 2010.	
RECOMMENDATION 5 Equal access - all children and young people should receive a common core of information and practical skills about alcohol through pshe lessons.	Brown, Peter	30/06/2010	●	Strategy review and evaluation are now the responsibility of the Strategy, Policy and Performance Management function within Shared and Strategic Services	

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RECOMMENDATION 6 Structured and interactive lessons - delivery of pshe should be structured to influence and reduce alcohol use and should include external agencies, parents, use of multimedia, and children and young people's perspectives. This could include 'myth-busting' activities in schools.	Brown, Peter	30/06/2010	★	While the Local Authority cannot determine what a school choose to include in their PSHE delivery, the risk and resilience core offer will provide schools with a range of resources on ensure drug education lessons are informative, interesting and appropriately structured. Outside agencies will also use the planning tools to better plan their input into the curriculum, and ensure their visits are enhancing provision and not just covering gaps
RECOMMENDATION 7 Information - giving parents clearer information about how they can best support messages about alcohol including alerting parents to the dangers in purchasing or providing alcohol for young people	Riddle, Glenn	30/09/2010	★	In relation to 7 & 8 progress is as follows; 'Your Health' officially launched on 28 September 2010. A first for Sunderland, initiated by the Children's Trust Risk and Resilience Board to co-ordinate and improve key health messages to young people, parents/carers and partners. Areas covered include Alcohol, Drugs, Substances, Sun and Sunbed safety, Mental health, Sexual Health, Smoking, Healthy Lifestyles and much more. One stop website established (www.yourhealthsunderland.com) with a dedicated information site for parents. Website contains a range of interactive alcohol calculators and video footage. An Essential Guide Book for Parents has been developed and circulated to 3,100 parents/carers of year 7 students. A Big Health Book for 11-15 year olds has been developed and circulated to 16,000 pupils along with a similar guide distributed to 4,500 16-24 year olds. 100% of secondary schools, academies and colleges now have a dedicated Health Information Area. A Smartphone App has been created to give young people access to health information and information on services at their fingertips, 24 hours a day. Web statistics shows 6.6 young people out of every 100 accessing the website are viewing Youth Sector, Libraries, Leisure, Training Providers, Pupil Referral Units, schools and colleges, and School Nursing Service.
RECOMMENDATION 8 Involvement - there should be a clear expectation that parents are informed about the timing and content of alcohol education.	Riddle, Glenn	30/09/2010	★	See recommendation 7

Transfer of 16 to 19 Learning Provision Policy Review Recommendations

Summary Review Progress				
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0	1	3	1	5
Action	Owner	Due Date	RAG	Commentary
RECOMMENDATION 1 Elected Members to be involved at strategic level to oversee the employment and skills arrangements in the sub-regional area as well as directly within the City Council	Brown, Lynda	not set		
1.1 Portfolio Holder for Children and Children, Young People and Learning (CYPL) Scrutiny to receive regular updates, decisions re strategic commissioning at LA level and any sub regional implications to be subject to Cabinet approval	Brown, Lynda	01/12/2010		Action No Longer Deliverable Due to change in Govt Policy
RECOMMENDATION 2 Cabinet to provide a clear and transparent decision-making structure that is consistent with commissioning guidance received to date	Brown, Lynda	not set		
2.1 Cabinet to provide a clear and transparent decision-making structure that is consistent with commissioning guidance received to date - To be reflected in Membership, workplan, TOR and risk analysis of LA MOG Board. Report to Cabinet scheduled for July 2010 regarding decision making structure	Brown, Lynda	01/07/2010		Action No Longer Deliverable Due to change in Govt policy
RECOMMENDATION 3 Consistent and easily understood communications to be regularly shared by Cabinet with stakeholders	Lewin, Deborah	not set		
3.1 Consistent and easily understood communications to be regularly shared by Cabinet with stakeholders - to be reflected in Membership, workplan, TOR and risk analysis of LA MOG Board. Put in place a communication plan to include mechanisms for communication with Elected members, Partners and stakeholders	Lewin, Deborah	01/09/2010		The assessment is now completed and channels are now in place to communicate with stakeholders. No further action required. Recommendation to be closed off
RECOMMENDATION 4 In order to secure stakeholder ownership and buy in, the City Council should more effectively engage with key stakeholders such as providers and employers, by providing for a broad and inclusive partnership approach, which draws on the collective expertise across organisations and sectors	Brown, Lynda	not set		
4.1 Effective engagement with key stakeholders - Clear and inclusive process that will identify commissioning priorities to be agreed by the 14-19 Steering Group. Recommendations to be reported to Learning Partnership and Children's Trust prior to Cabinet approval. Ensure representation of Sunderland stakeholders on Sub Regional and Regional Groups	Brown, Lynda	01/11/2010		Action No Longer Deliverable Due to change in Govt Policy
RECOMMENDATION 5 The role of apprentices across the City Council and with partner organisations to be further developed and encouraged	Stanhope, Sue	not set		
5.1 Develop role of apprentices - LA lead on Apprenticeship recruitment to work with appropriate 14-19 Partnership groups	Stanhope, Sue	01/03/2011		In terms of the council we have 75 current apprentices, 35 apprentices are 16 - 18 year olds. Historically 83 have progressed into employment with us. As a response to public sector cuts we are currently not recruiting externally and this has had an impact on this area of activity. However we are currently working with parts of the council to develop new areas of apprenticeships for the future as well as with other training providers across the city.