

Review Progress Summary				
R = not on schedule	A = on schedule	B = undeliverable	G = achieved	Total
0	2	1	1	4

Ref	Recommendation	Action	Owner	Timescale	RAG	Progress
A	To explore the options for an enforcement strategy including: i) The use of new Anti-Social Behaviour powers and;	Potential usefulness of current legislation will be reviewed <i>(please see note under Progress column)</i>	Stuart Douglass	Feb 16	A	<p>Government has recognised that current legislation does not address the issue of New Psychoactive Substances and is not considered to be effective. Therefore, since this recommendation was agreed by the Scrutiny Committee, the Queen's Speech on 27 May 2015 announced that new legislation will ban psychoactive drugs through the introduction of a Psychoactive Substances Bill.</p> <p>The Bill had its third reading in the House of Commons on 29 October 2015. It must now go to the Report stage before proceeding to the House of Lords.</p> <p>In the meantime the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 which allows a Council to introduce Public Spaces Protection Orders may be of use on adoption by the Council. Such an order may</p>
	ii) The use of existing legislative powers available to the local authority to prevent sales of dangerous goods.		Alan Caddick			
			Tom Terrett			

						<p>be effective in tackling anti-social behaviour by prohibiting the use of psychoactive substances in a public place.</p> <p>Cabinet will consider a report in January/February 2016 to place the powers of the 2014 Anti-Social Behaviour Act in the Council constitution, together with appropriate delegations. Following this, the powers can be considered in relation to their potential application in relation to NPS related anti-social behaviour</p>
B	Join the lobby requesting the Government to draft legislation to outlaw the sale and distribution of legal highs by creating a blanket ban for it to be a criminal offence knowingly to advertise, sell, supply, import or export legal highs.	<p>A letter to be written to Government setting out the views of the council</p> <p><i>(please see note under Progress column)</i></p>	Stuart Douglass / Karen Brown	September 2015	B	<p>As referred to above, legislation has been proposed since the Scrutiny Committee made this recommendation. The Psychoactive Substances Bill will progress through Parliament and the Council will monitor the progress of the Bill and lobby accordingly for legislation that is fit for purpose.</p>

C	As a priority, pursue targeted prevention interventions with children and adults at high risk of use or current users in institutional settings. This will include work in hostels (including targeted activity by the Substance Misuse Service), children in care, and support for schools to detect and prevent the use of NPS on their premises.	<p>YDAP involvement in institutional settings around legal highs currently includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Each of the four Family Group Homes has its own allocated YDAP worker and sessions have been carried out for staff and residents. All Sunderland schools have received a legal highs fact sheet from YDAP along with an offer of training and support for staff and group work for pupils. Several schools have accepted this support, including St. Aidans, Academy 360, City of Sunderland College and Farrington School. 	<p>Alan Caddick</p> <p>Simone Common/ Gary Roberts</p>		<p>G</p> <p>The YDAP 'offer' of preventative interventions with high-risk groups remains in place. Further training has taken place with staff, foster carers, teachers and youth workers.</p> <p>YDAP staff noted a reduction in NPS abuse as a result of disruption and enforcement action in certain high profile local outlets.</p> <p>There have been some worrying developments in the ever-expanding range of NPS available, including LSD substitutes. Initially, hallucinogens were not significantly popular in Sunderland but this appears to be changing.</p> <p>Whilst the use of NPS amongst YDAP clients is not showing any significant upward trend, M-cat-type substances remain the most popular amongst users.</p>
D	To investigate the options for maintaining a profile of incidents, intelligence and data on NPS to support decision making.	An overview of the position in Sunderland will be established with the support of partner organisations	Stuart Douglass	Jan 16	<p>A</p> <p>The Safer Sunderland Partnership has agreed to produce and maintain a profile on NPS. This is currently being drafted and partner data is being collated. Data from the Council, Police and Health</p>

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