

<b>Item No.</b> 7.	<b>Classification:</b> Open	<b>Date:</b> 18 July 2012	<b>Meeting Name:</b> Corporate Parenting Committee
<b>Report title:</b>		2012-13 Young Peoples Substance Misuse (YPSM) Treatment Plan	
<b>Ward(s) or groups affected:</b>		All	
<b>From:</b>		Strategic Director of Children's Services	

## RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the committee considers the recommendations and actions set out in the draft Young Peoples Substance Misuse (YPSM) Treatment Plan for 2012/13 (See Appendix A).
2. The draft plan proposes the following key priority areas as follows:
  - Universal work by building individual's knowledge around substance misuse
  - Targeted work to reach the most vulnerable groups
  - Specialist work to ensure young people have access to structured treatment
3. To note that this paper has been written to inform members of how 2012/13 Plan will be used to reduce substance misuse and the progress of the Specialist YPSM service and to update members of the policy implications and strategy alignment of the work.
4. That the committee notes the importance of partnership work to reduce young people's substance misuse.

## KEY MESSAGES

5. To ensure that all young people are able to improve their wellbeing and lead a life which is happy, safe and successful. Insight Southwark will continue to provide access to information, advice and specialist treatment to all young people in order to prevent them becoming substance misusers.
6. Insight to continue the development of new and existing partnerships to increase numbers of young people in treatment.

## BACKGROUND INFORMATION

### National Background

7. Central Government is committed to encouraging young people to make informed choices regarding substance misuse. A £2.6million campaign aimed at Young People to highlight the risk associated with alcohol misuse, drug use and sexual health was highlighted in the recent Alcohol Strategy.

## **Local Background**

8. Launched in April 2010, Insight Southwark, run by Blenheim CDP, is a confidential support service for young people up to the age of 24, living with or affected by drugs and alcohol issues in Southwark. The aim of the service is to reduce the numbers of young people affected by substance misuse including Alcohol, by balancing prevention, early intervention, harm reduction and specialist treatment, in order to meet the needs of young people.
9. Insight Southwark provide a confidential service to Parents & Carers' worried about a young person getting involved or involved in alcohol or substance misuse. This service includes phone support, one-to-one appointments and group workshops.
10. During 2011/12 Insight have carried out 126 initial assessments, 2615 open access interventions and helped 121 into structured substance misuse treatment.

### *Borough Partnerships:*

11. Insight work in partnerships with the Youth Offending Service, Social Services, Southwark Inclusive Learning Services, The Gateway Hostel, Schools and Colleges.
12. A weekly satellite is held at Children Looked After (CLA) offices, which helps to ensure that staff are aware of referral pathways into Insight Southwark. This satellite offers young people with a drop in services and helps to increase partnership working with staff. Coupled with the Basic Drugs Awareness, Screening and Referral Training provided by Insight.
13. The Basic Drugs Awareness, Screening and Referral Training is available to all professionals in the Borough, however it has been attended by sufficient proportion of CLA staff to ensure staff are able to identify and refer appropriately into the service. Insight delivered specialised training to the Adolescent & Aftercare Service, Social Workers and Foster Carers. Insight Southwark also trained CLA Staff of the Children Services (CS) Common Assessment Framework.
14. Southwark DAAT has arranged for the Basic Drugs Awareness, Screening and Referral Training to be added to the training pathway for all newly qualified social workers as mandatory. And it has also been sent to all CS managers to add to the induction for all staff.
15. Insight are an integral part of the Children Social Care (CSC) and Substance Misuse Interface meeting, working with key leads to ensure that Drug and Alcohol services work collectively with CSC to reduce substance misuse harm. This group also works to ensure that social workers increase their awareness of substance misuse and how to refer into services.
16. Insight have been an integral part of the CLA Health Steering Group and feed into the 2011/12 Teenage Pregnancy Audit.
17. Insight will continue to improve partnership work across CS, working in 2012/13 to offer more family support to parents who children are experiencing problems with substance misuse.

## **KEY ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION**

18. The 2012/13 plan builds on previous years commitments and recognises that YPSM is an ongoing issue, which needs a partnership approach in order to reduce numbers.
19. Overall Insight will consolidate existing work with new areas of work and will ensure better collaborative working with all local services. By continuing to work in partnership we should be able to:
  - Prevent substance misuse among young people
  - Prevent young people transitioning into substance misuse adults
  - Prevent harm caused to young people via parental substance misusers
20. However with financial pressures resulting in cuts to service provisions, there could be a change for commissioning services, which could impact on what we want to deliver as a borough.
21. The challenge going forward will be to ensure that all young people continue to receive appropriate treatment that prevents them from misusing substances and that substance misuse remains a key priority for all parties working with young people and families.

## **Policy implications**

### *National:*

22. The 2012/13 YPSM Treatment Plan is driven by government policy and legislation and the commitment to reduce the harm substance misuse causes to children, young people and families.

### *Local:*

23. The work within the YPSM Treatment Plan is aligned and linked to various Strategies across Community Safety and Children Services, some are listed below:
  - 2010/13 Children and Young People's Plan
  - SSP Rolling Plan
  - DAAT Treatment Plan
  - 2012/15 Alcohol Strategy

## **Financial implications**

24. At this stage there are no new financial implications arising from the plan, beyond officer's support/time to undertake the development activities outlined in the plan.
25. Further resources maybe required as each of the areas for action within the plan move forward.
26. The implementation of the proposed plan will be contained within existing resources of Insight Southwark and the partnerships they have developed.
27. However if implementing any of the subsequent actions requires additional resources a further report setting out costs and funding sources will be submitted before committing any council resources.

## Community impact statement

28. Insight Southwark will have an impact on children and young people accessing treatment services, which in turn will have a positive impact on young people's outcomes, through improvements with Employment, Education and Training, reduction in offending and sexual behaviour. The service Insight provides will also improve outcomes for families, by providing support to parents and carers.

## Equalities impact

29. Insight Southwark will improve the outcome for all children, young people and their families affected by substance misuse.

## BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Background Papers	Held At	Contact
YPSM Treatment Plan	160 Tooley Street, London SE1 2QH	Dionne Cameron 020 7525 7101

## LIST OF APPENDICES

No.	Title
Appendix A	2012-13 YPSM Treatment Plan
Appendix B	Insight End of Year Update

## AUDIT TRAIL

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<b>CONSULTATION WITH OTHER OFFICERS / DIRECTORATES / CABINET MEMBER</b>		
	<b>Officer Title</b>	<b>Comments Sought</b>
		<b>Comments included</b>
	Director of Legal Services	No
	Strategic Director of Finance and Corporate Services	No
	<b>Cabinet Member</b>	No
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