

Title of paper:	Proposed Transition Arrangements for the Young People's Substance Misuse Agenda	
Report to:	Children's Partnership Board	
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Relevant Director:	Candida Brudenell Director Quality and Commissioning, Nottingham City Council	Wards affected: All
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Relevant Children and Young People's Plan (CYPP) objectives(s):		
Stronger safeguarding – With a key focus on ensuring that there are high standards of safeguarding across all agencies and that the Partnership takes a pro-active approach to the elimination of domestic violence.		√
Healthy living – With a key focus on increasing the proportion of children and young people who have a healthy weight.		√
Reducing substance misuse – Partnership work to lessen the impact on children of parental drug and alcohol misuse and to reduce drug and alcohol misuse amongst children and young people.		√
Raising attainment – Raising the attainment levels and increasing engagement in employment, education and training.		√
Improving attendance – Improving rates of attendance at both Primary and Secondary as a key foundation of improving outcomes.		√
Summary of issues (including benefits to customers/service users):		
<p>Since the post of Lead for Children and Young People's Drug and Alcohol issues ceased in May 2011, negotiations have been undertaken between Children and Families and the Crime and Drugs Partnership (CDP) to consider how the responsibilities relating to the post could be undertaken in the future. This paper highlights the proposal for the transfer of the young people's drug and alcohol agenda from Children and Families to the CDP. This paper proposes that the CDP therefore would lead commissioning reviews related to this agenda and that Nottingham City Council commissioning colleagues would be a partner in the review.</p>		
Recommendations:		
1	To support the transition arrangements for the Young People's Drugs agenda	
2	To agree to Peter Moyes, Director of the CDP representing Young People's Substance Misuse issues on the Children's Partnership Board	

1. BACKGROUND AND PROPOSALS

Since the restructure of the Quality and Commissioning Directorate in May of last year, the post of Young People's Drug and Alcohol Lead has not been replaced. Mutual negotiations have taken place between Children and Families and the Crime and Drugs Partnership (CDP) to consider the most effective way to take forward the Young People's Drugs agenda. An options paper was presented to the Corporate Director, the Portfolio Holder and the Director of Quality and Commissioning and it was agreed that the CDP were in a strong position to take forward the lead responsibilities for this agenda. The CDP propose that their leadership would strengthen the links between Adult and Children's Services and have a positive effect on young people's transition between the two services.

The CDP has always had joint responsibility with the Children and Families Department for approving the annual needs assessment and treatment plan for Young People's Drug and Alcohol. In 2010/11 a combined treatment plan was developed that included Adult, Young People and Prisons treatment plan.

The Children's Partnership Board supports the implementation of the Children and Young People's Plan (CYPP), which includes a strategic priority for 'Healthy and positive children and young people' and an operational objective of 'Reducing substance misuse'. This will remain and so the proposed changes need to reflect this agenda sitting across both Boards. This agenda also cuts across the work of the Children and Families Department and expertise representation from within this department should be an integral part of the proposed governance structure.

The governance structure needs to reflect the joint accountability and responsibilities between the two Groups and Boards. See Appendix A which outlines the proposed structure. Both departments will ensure that there is correct representation at these groups. It is acknowledged that this structure will be modified once the Health and Well-being Board has established its relationship with existing Boards.

2. RISKS

The timing of the transitional handover poses some risks regarding funding for next year. Decisions about next year's funding are imminent, and so the Quality and Commissioning Team and the CDP need to work closely to ensure that both departments and providers are aware of next year's funding arrangements.

There is a risk that the handover of the commissioning and strategic lead for this agenda to the CDP will fragment the wider agenda for Children and Young People. It is imperative that there are strong relationships between NCC Children and Families Department and the CDP to ensure all possible risks are minimised. The proposed Governance structure should help to alleviate this.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The current allocation through the Pooled Treatment Budget is £295,000. The table below identifies current funding commitments for young people's drug alcohol commissioning 2011/12. The table also identifies the known situation for 2012/13 at the time of writing the report.

Service	Source of Funding	Amount	Total	2012/13
What About Me (WAM)	Early Intervention Grant (EIG)	£45,000		Confirmed
	CDP	£30,000	£75,000	
Compass	EIG DrugAware Award	£57,600		Decision to be made
	Pooled Treatment Budget	£238,764		Awaiting decision early 2012
	Youth Justice Board	£32,990		Awaiting decision early next year

	Nottingham City Council Core Budget	£70,646	£400,000	
Head 2 Head	Pooled Treatment Budget	£57,000	£57,000	Awaiting decision early 2012
Drug and Alcohol Education Consultant	CDP	£20,000		Decision to be made
	EIG	£29,500		
Hidden Harm	CDP	£31,772		
Grand Total		£613,272	£532,000	

4. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no outstanding legal implications to consider.

5. CLIENT GROUP

All children and young people aged 0-18yrs

6. IMPACT ON EQUALITIES ISSUES

All work conducted within this agenda will be equality impact assessed

7. OUTCOMES AND PRIORITIES AFFECTED

All; with a particular relevance to **Reducing substance misuse** – Partnership work to lessen the impact on children of parental drug and alcohol misuse and to reduce drug and alcohol misuse amongst children and young people.

8. CONTACT DETAILS

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Appendix A
Proposed Governance Structure

