

## Draft - Supporting Information and Impact Assessment

Proposal:	Young Persons Substance Misuse Service
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### Section 1: Background Information

<b>1.</b>	<p><b>What is the proposal / issue?</b></p> <p>It is proposed that the budget for the Young Person's Substance Misuse service is reduced by £21,000.</p>
<b>2.</b>	<p><b>What is the current situation?</b></p> <p>There is no statutory basis for Children's Services to provide a substance misuse service. However, the budget for this service was initially an embedded element of the Youth Offending Team, and the Crime and Disorder Act (1998) recommends substance misuse as a core service in the prevention of offending and re-offending by young people.</p> <p>The Early Help pathway and the social care pathway equally require a resource to deliver against risk taking behaviour in teenagers who are considered Children in Need under the Children Act 1989A service in support of this is critical in mitigating the harm that can be caused through inappropriate substance misuse.</p> <p>The evidence base for commissioning this service is clear that substance misuse amongst young people contributes to a wide range of other serious problems experienced by this population, such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• failing or falling behind at school</li> <li>• involvement in crime and anti-social behaviour</li> <li>• becoming a victim of crime</li> <li>• teenage pregnancy</li> <li>• mental health problems</li> <li>• risks of overdose and future drug dependency.</li> </ul> <p>Substance misuse services for young people can also save a significant amount of public money in the long term. The Local Authority have a responsibility to protect the health and wellbeing of the population and without this service we would potentially see increased social and economic problems around crime, education, unemployment, homelessness and generally poorer health outcomes for Torbay's young people.</p> <p>The Young Person's Substance Misuse Service in Torbay is accessible to all 11-18 year olds residents who are experiencing substance related harm.</p> <p>Compared to the national average, the latest data shows that Torbay has a higher rate of young people with wider vulnerabilities entering into treatment. These include, children who are looked after, children in need, domestic abuse, mental health</p>

problems, sexual exploitation, self-harm, not in education employment or training (NEET), child protection plans and being affected by others' substance misuse.

<b>Wider Vulnerabilities</b>	<b>Torbay</b>	<b>National</b>
Child looked after	16%	12%
Child in Need	14%	6%
Domestic Abuse	29%	21%
Mental health problem	43%	19%
Sexual exploitation	16%	6%
Self-harm	34%	17%
NEET	18%	17%
Child Protection plan	11%	7%
Affected by others substance misuse	36%	22%

(source: YP specialist substance misuse interventions - executive summary Q4 2015/16, Public Health England).

**3. What options have been considered?**

This service is currently under review by commissioning directors to explore how it fits more effectively and efficiently within a whole service pathway for young people. This will involve a re-commissioning exercise which is underway.

Envisaged cost savings resulting from the single pathway option would be achieved through efficiencies in processes and early interventions, increasing the skill mix of staff and the benefits of services being either co-located or joined through agreed tools and approaches therefore reducing duplication.

**4. How does this proposal support the ambitions, principles and delivery of the Corporate Plan 2015-19?**

This proposal supports the following principles of the Corporate Plan:

- Use reducing resources to the best effect.

**5. Who will be affected by this proposal and who do you need to consult with?**

- Young people who use the service
- Key stakeholders such as GPs, Schools, Torbay and South Devon NHS Foundation Trust, Clinical Commissioning Group

**6. How will you propose to consult?**

Consultation will take place as part of the general consultation on the budget proposals. However, specific consultation will also be carried out on this proposal with service users and partners through a range of mechanisms.

	<p>Young people themselves would be consulted with via a survey and/or focus groups to capture what elements of the service they truly value and deem paramount to their treatment / recovery journey.</p> <p>Commissioners will be consulted through a series of workshops to discuss all options around keeping the service viable with a reducing financial envelope.</p>
<p><b>Section 2: Expected Implications and Impact Assessment</b> (These sections will be updated and expanded following the consultation period.)</p>	
<p><b>7.</b></p>	<p><b>What are the <u>expected</u> financial and legal implications?</b></p> <p>The proposal would provide £21,000 in savings in 2017/18.</p>
<p><b>8.</b></p>	<p><b>What are the <u>expected</u> risks?</b></p> <p>There is evidence that investment in young people's drug and alcohol interventions saves money; it results in £4.3m health savings and £100m crime savings per year. Drug and alcohol interventions can help young people get into education, employment and training, bringing a total lifetime benefit of up to £159m. Furthermore, every £1 spent on young people's drug and alcohol interventions brings a benefit of £5-£8.</p> <p>The reduction in this service may potentially impact on levels of crime, educational attainment, unemployment, homelessness and generally poorer health outcomes for Torbay's young people, leading to a greater demand for other public services.</p> <p>The potential risk in reducing the budget for this service would potentially affect outreach work in education settings and subsequently could remove the protective elements of the provision and so increase the demand for specialist services later on.</p>