



Drug, alcohol and tobacco policy

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This policy has been developed in accordance with the DfES Drugs: Guidance for Schools (2004), DfE and ACPO Drugs Advice for Schools (2012) and NICE Guidance: 'School-based interventions to prevent the uptake of smoking among children and young people' (2010). It also reflects feedback received from informal consultations with teachers. The template provides guidance on all matters relating to good practice in drug education and managing drug related incidents.

Introduction

Problematic drug use, both legal and illegal, by young people can have a serious impact on their educational attainment, relationships with family and friends and their health and well-being; preventing them from reaching their full potential.

Smoking is the main cause of preventable morbidity and premature death in England. Young people who start smoking before the age of 16 are twice as likely to continue smoking onto adulthood and to become a heavier smoker (Muller, 2007).

Schools play a fundamental role in providing drug, alcohol and tobacco education and in creating a safe and supportive environment that enables young people to develop their knowledge, understanding, skills and attitudes to drugs and drug related issues.

The government strongly advises all schools to have an up to date drug policy that is accessible to all and that is reviewed on a regular basis. The policy should be developed in consultation with the whole school community.

Drug, alcohol and tobacco education is most effective when delivered as part of the PSHE curriculum. and must fulfil the statutory requirements of the National Science Curriculum.

This Policy has also been developed in line with the Health Act 2006, which requires that all workplaces in England became smoke free as of 1st July 2007.

1. Context

REACH is a PRU for young people of secondary age who are experiencing difficulties within mainstream setting or who have been permanently excluded from school.

Policy applies within school and its grounds and on any out of school trips or visits and all members of the school community including pupils, staff, visitors and parents/carers.

2. Purpose of the Policy:

The purpose of the policy is to:

- Clarify the legal requirements and responsibilities of the school
- Reinforce and safeguard the health and safety of pupils and others who use the school
- Ensure that the schools status as a smoke-free site is understood by staff, pupils and visitors to the school
- Clarify the school's approach to drugs for all staff, pupils, governors, parents/carers, external agencies and the wider community
- Give guidance on developing, implementing and monitoring the drug education programme
- Enable staff to manage drugs on schools premises, and any incidents that occur, with confidence and consistency, and in the best interests of those involved
- Ensure that the response to incidents involving drugs complements the overall school approach to drug education and the values and ethos of the school
- Reinforce the role of the school in contributing to local and national strategies

3. Policy Development

Those Consulted	Method of Consultation
Staff	Staff Meeting
Pupils	Induction and CPHSE
Parents/Carers	Induction
External agencies	Induction

4. Location and Dissemination

Policy is kept electronically on the Learning Platform and REACH website. Hard copy available in the office.

Members of staff, parents/carers and pupils and all other members of the school community are made aware of the policy and at induction.

5. Guidance:

- Drug Advice for Schools (DfE and ACPO, 2012)
- Drugs: Guidance for Schools (DfES, 2004)
- Drug, alcohol and tobacco education key stages 1-4 (QCA, 2003)
- The Stoke on Trent Drugs Policy Template and guidance notes

6. Definitions and terminology

- For the purpose of this policy a 'drug' is a substance people take to change the way they feel, think or behave. This includes both legal and illegal substances, volatile substances (solvents), alcohol, tobacco and medicines (prescription, over the counter or illicit).
- 'Unauthorized drugs' should be taken to mean any substances other than prescribed or non-prescribed medicines (as permitted in the school's medicines policy), hazardous substances (as referred to in the school's health and safety policy) or alcohol (where it is safely stored and solely for use during special events)

7. The rules and the school's stance on drug use

Possession, use or supply of illegal or unauthorized drugs within the school boundaries is unacceptable and forbidden under the school rules. Smoking (including e-cigarettes) is not allowed within the boundaries of the school site at any time, by anyone – employees, parents or visitors, under any circumstances.

If a pupil leaves the school boundaries to smoke, during school hours, the pupil maybe denied access back into the classroom and parents/carers will be called.

If a pupil arrives at school under the influence of drugs, all members of the safeguarding team will be informed. A member of the team will assess the medical needs of the pupil and contact will be made with the pupil's next of kin, and any other relevant agencies connected with the pupil. The pupil will be kept in school until they can be collected by their next of kin.

8. Drugs Education

i. Aims

REACH aims to ensure that all young people that attend REACH will be given access to drug education relevant to their age and needs.

ii. Planning and Teaching

Drug education is taught throughout CPHSE, Science and Family Learning schemes of work, and in the young woman's and young men's groups.

iii. Staff training and development

All staff have received training in drug awareness. Specific staff have received more intense drug education training to enable them to develop schemes of work. Targeted staff have received Drug Screening Tool training.

iv. Resources

“Your Choice Secondary Drug Education”

“Drug Alcohol Tobacco” QCA for schools.

v. External contributors

External contributors including Young Persons Drugs Team , Police Drugs Liaison Advisor, and school nurse are invited in regularly to enrich and support curriculum Drug Education.

vi. Assessment, Monitoring, Evaluation and Reporting

All young person's attending REACH will be screened using the drugs screening tool on entry and referrals are made when appropriate.

Drug education is assessed, maintained, evaluated and reported upon through the school's generic procedures e.g.;

CRA

Book trawls

Observations

Planning Feedback

9. Confidentiality:

The boundaries of confidentiality are made clear to pupils and parents/carers, staff and visitors. If a pupil discloses information which is sensitive, not generally known and which the pupil asks not to be passed on, the request can be honoured, providing that to do so would not impede teachers in fulfilling their professional responsibilities in relation to:

Safeguarding Children and Young People

Co-operating in a police investigation

Every effort is made to secure the pupil's agreement to the way in which the school intends to use any sensitive information. (DfES, 2004).

10. Managing Drug Related Incidents

Name of staff member responsible for coordinating the school's response to drug incidents:

Ms Lorna Matley

i. Definitions

Any incident including suspicion, observations, disclosure, or discovery of any of any unauthorised drugs or drug paraphernalia involving pupils, parents/carers or visitors will be referred immediately.

ii. Responding to the situation

Any situation will be assessed and reported to on an individual basis with regard to the school's Behaviour Policy and Safeguarding Procedures.

iii. Handling Illegal and unauthorised drugs and drugs paraphernalia

Any illegal and unauthorised drugs and paraphernalia will be confiscated and handed to our local Police at the earliest opportunity.

iv. Searches for illegal/unauthorized drugs

Any searches of students will take place with the consent of and in the presence of parents/careers.

iii. Role of the police

Any circumstances that cannot be resolved using the above procedures will result in a call to the Police.

iii. Drug Incident recording

A record will be kept of any unauthorised drug incidents.

Schools "record of drugs" incident forms can be found in the main office.

iii. Behavioural/disciplinary responses

All unauthorised drugs incidents will be dealt with in accordance with the REACH Behavioural Policy.

11. Responding to drug related need

All students screened on entry

Referral to external agencies if necessary.

Multi agency involvement by CA Framework if necessary.

12. Parental involvement

During induction meeting all parents are made aware of the Drugs Education and Best Practice for the Management of Drug Related Incidents in Schools Policy. Parental involvement in their children's drug education is encouraged through Family Learning.

13. Links to other Policies

Behaviour Policy

Medicines Policy

Safeguarding Children Policy

List of local services

T3 Stoke on Trent Young People's Drug and Alcohol Service

46 Roundwell Street
Tunstall
Stoke-on-Trent
Staffs
ST6 5AN
Tel: 01782 221099
Text: 07507 411733

Secure email: t3@cri.org.uk

Integrated Young People's Drug Project/Dreams

Queensbury Centre, Queensbury Road,

Normacot,
Stoke on Trent, ST3 1QZ
Tel: 01782 234195

CONNECT CAMHS and First Steps South Stoke team

Blurton Health Centre
Ripon Road
Blurton
Stoke-on-Trent
ST3 3BS
Tel: 0300 123 0977

CONNECT CAMHS and First Steps North Stoke team:

Roundwell Street
Tunstall
Stoke-on-Trent
ST6 5JJ
Tel: 0300 123 0987

Vulnerable Children and Corporate Parenting

Hanley Area Office
Regent Centre
Regent Road
Hanley
Stoke-on-Trent
ST1 3TD

Tel: (01782) 235100
Fax: (01782) 235168

Youth Offending Service

Ringway House
Bryan Street
Hanley
Stoke-on-Trent
ST1 5AJ

Tel: 01782 235858
Fax: 01782 235860

email: youth.offending.services@stoke.gov.uk
www.youthoffending.stoke.gov.uk

Common Assessment Framework Team

CAF Team
Children and Young People's Services
Floor 2
Glebe Street
Stoke-on-Trent
ST4 1HH

Telephone: 01782 231969

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30a High Street
Stone, Staffs
ST15 8AL

Tel: 01785 817885

Stoke on Trent Stop Smoking Service

The stop smoking service offers free support and advice to any smoker who wants to quit in a range of settings across the city. Stop smoking medicines, such as patches and gum, are available for the cost of a prescription (or free to those who don't pay for their prescriptions) where suitable*. For more information on support available call **0800 085 0928**.

*Nicotine replacement therapy, e.g. patches and gum, can be provided for smokers over the age of 12 where appropriate. Other stop smoking medicines can only be prescribed to over 18's.

Smokefree

The website: <http://smokefree.nhs.uk> contains helpful information about stopping smoking and offers people the opportunity to order a free Quit Kit.

Blitz

The Blitz website: www.blitzblog.co.uk has been specially put together for young people who live in Stoke-on-Trent. The website covers a number of different lifestyle issues such as fashion, music, smoking and football. The website is funded by NHS Stoke-On-Trent and is designed to try and reduce the number of young people taking up smoking in Stoke every year, this, by providing prevention information in a format that they are used to. Young people can sign up to this website whether they are a smoker or not.

Should you require further support please contact: -

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