



Budmouth College Drugs Policy

Governors' Committee responsible:	Curriculum & Student Welfare
Link Senior Leader responsible:	Jayne Simmonite
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<p>Policies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Trips and Visits -Student Code of Conduct. -Health and Safety -Safeguarding Policy and Child Protection Procedures. -Confidentiality -Use of Reasonable Force -Searching and Confiscation -First Aid -Supporting Children with Medical Conditions and Managing Medicines -Code of Conduct and Guidelines for Safe Working Practices for the Protection of Children and Staff -Alcohol and Substance Misuse 	<p>Documents</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Drug Advice for Schools DFE 2012 -DFES Drugs: Guidance for Schools document 2004 -Section 91 of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 -Data Protection Act 1998 - Psychoactive Substances Act 2016
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Working Together, Creating Opportunities

The Policy has been reviewed using the equality impact assessment initial screening record and positive impact is explicitly intended and very likely.

All *policies* can be found on the College 'R' drive in the Policies folder.

Equality Impact Assessment – initial screening record

1. What area of work is being considered?

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2. Upon whom will this impact?

All stakeholders but particularly students.

3. How would the work impact upon groups; are they included and considered?

The Equality Strands	Negative impact	Positive impact	No impact
Minority ethnic groups		Yes	
Gender		Yes	
Disability		Yes	
Religion, Faith or belief		Yes	
Sexual Orientation		Yes	
Transgender		Yes	
Age (N/A to pre-school and school children)		Yes	
Rurality			Yes

4. Does data inform this work, research and/or consultation, and has it been broken down by the equality strands?

	NO	YES	Uncertain
Minority ethnic groups		Yes	
Gender		Yes	
Disability		Yes	
Religion, Faith or belief		Yes	
Sexual Orientation		Yes	
Transgender		Yes	
Age		Yes	
Rurality			Yes

Does the initial screening highlight potential issues that may be illegal? NO

Further comments:-

It is in line with current Government guidance.

Do you consider that a full Equality Impact Assessment is required? NO

Initial screening carried out by Jayne Simmonite

Signed :

Date: 09/11/16

Comment by Principal:

Date: 01/11/16

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Development process

All staff, the College Council, Parents/Carers (including Parents Forum) and Governors have been involved in the process of completing this Drug Policy. Parents/Carers were sent a link to review the policy and send the College any feedback and parents/carers were consulted at the Parent's Forum. The College Council read it at a College Council Meeting and fed back their views. All staff and Governors were sent the policy and given the opportunity to feedback.

Parental engagement

The College also encourages parents to attend a Sex, Drugs and Social Media Evening once a year which is presented by relevant outside agencies and any resources from the evening are put onto Frog. If there are any further useful information sites that come up during the year these are also highlighted to parents throughout the year.

The role of Governors

The Principal has regular meeting with the Chair of Governors and if there have been any incidents involving drugs the Principal will update the Chair of Governors at this time. Please refer to the Code of Conduct for how a Governor would be involved in any disciplinary meetings or appeals against exclusions.

Liaison with other schools

If there is a mutual concern around drugs the schools meet with the relevant agencies to discuss the concerns and share information so that there is a joined up approach.

Staff Conduct and Drugs

- Please see the Staff Code of Conduct and Safer Working Practice and the Alcohol and Substance Misuse Policy

Definition of a Drug

In this document a drug is defined as a chemical substance that can alter the way the mind or body works. This is concerned with the misuse of:

- Tobacco
- Alcohol
- Illegal drugs (cannabis, amphetamines, LSD, ecstasy etc.)
- Novel psychoactive substances ("legal highs")
- Volatile substances such as solvents and aerosols
- Medicines

Definition of a Drug Incident

Incidents are likely to involve suspicions, observations, disclosures or discoveries of situations involving illegal and other unauthorised drugs. They could fit into the following categories:

- Drugs or associated paraphernalia are found on College premises
- Student demonstrates, perhaps through actions or play, an inappropriate level of knowledge of drugs for their age
- A student is found in possession of drugs or associated paraphernalia
- A student is found to be supplying drugs on College premises
- A student, parent/carer or staff member is thought to be under the influence of drugs
- A staff member has information that the illegitimate sale or supply of drugs is taking place in the local area
- A student discloses that they or a family member/friend are misusing drugs

Statement of Policy on Substance Use and Misuse

As part of our care for the welfare of students, Budmouth College believes it has a duty to inform and educate young people on the consequences of drug use and misuse. Budmouth College takes a pro-active stance on this matter, believing that Health Education is a vital part of the Personal and Social education of every student.

Fundamental to our College's values and practice is the principle of sharing the responsibility for education of young people with parents, by keeping them informed and involved at all possible times*. What is learned at College can be supported at home and in the community. Effective communication and co-operation is essential to the successful implementation of this policy.

(* There may be occasions when, at the discretion of the Principal, a member of the College Community may benefit from working on confidential drugs related issues with professionals from other agencies).

- Budmouth College does not approve of the misuse of drugs and alcohol by members of Budmouth College, nor the illegal supply of these substances.
- The intention is to eliminate all misuse of, and the supplying of drugs on College premises or during College organised activities and to enable staff to deal quickly, consistently and effectively with any drug related matters.
- All drug related discipline issues are covered in the College Code of Conduct.
- Budmouth College is committed to the health and safety of all students, staff, parents/carers and prospective parents/carers and will take action to assist in the safeguard their wellbeing.
- The Governing Body and partner agencies will work with Budmouth College in order to help to ensure the implementation of this policy.
- Budmouth College will seek to persuade students in need of support to come forward.

The Governing Body believes and supports the following educational aims in respect of substance use and misuse:

- To enable students to make healthy, informed choices by increasing knowledge, challenging attitudes.
- To provide drugs education which informs choice and encourages the healthy option enabling students and staff to make informed decisions.
- To increase understanding of the implications and possible consequences of use and misuse.
- To widen understanding about drug related health and social issues, e.g. sex and sexuality, crime, HIV and AIDS.
- To educate the students of the dangers of drug misuse and therefore minimise the risks that users and potential users face.
- To enable young people to identify sources of appropriate personal support.
- These responsibilities are discharged through the implementation of the schemes of work as followed by all students at Budmouth College.

These aims are fulfilled through aspects of the student's experiences in the taught curriculum, the informal curriculum and through opportunities for extra-curricular activities.

The Drug Education Curriculum:

The Principal takes overall responsibility for the policy and its implementation, for liaison with the Governing Body, parents/carers, LA and appropriate outside agencies.

The member of staff responsible for the policy is the Subject Leader for Citizenship/PSHE is responsible for the education element and the Assistant Principal is responsible for the rest.

The Governing Body will be involved in substance education and substance related incidents in the same manner as any other matter concerning the direction of Budmouth College.

Regarding the welfare of staff, Budmouth College will follow the Local Authority Policy on Drug and Alcohol Misuse as part of its Health and Safety Policy, which is designed to reduce the possible effects of substance misuse on the user, other employees and the environment.

Sources of support will include local & national help lines in conjunction with local drug & alcohol specialist services. These are listed below.

The Principal will take responsibility for liaison with the media and the LA.

The Principal will take responsibility for liaison with the LA in any cases it is necessary.

Early Intervention and Targeted Prevention

Colleges have a role in identifying students who have drug related needs. The process of identifying needs should aim to distinguish those who require additional information and education, those who could benefit from targeted prevention, and those who require a more detailed assessment of their needs. Students might require additional support if, for example:

- Their knowledge about drugs is low
- They rely upon frequent use of drugs
- Their drug use is affecting performance at College
- Their drug use is causing problems such as conflict at home
- They feel under pressure to use drugs
- They fall into an identified vulnerable group or are experiencing one or a number of risk factors
- Their (or someone else's) drug use is impacting on their behaviour and/or emotional health.

In addition to the drug education they receive through the curriculum, early intervention and support may involve any or all of the following:

- Providing targeted information and advice in relation to specific drugs, perhaps in small groups or on a one-to-one basis
- Developing self-esteem
- Developing skills such as strategies for seeking support
- Increasing their motivation to address their drug use
- Facilitating access to activities of interest to them (such as youth clubs,
- Extra-curricular activities and external provision as part of youth service or DAT activity) or vocational training, if appropriate

Training for Staff & Governors:

Wherever possible, INSET for all new staff whether teaching or support staff or new Governors will be provided.

Support Services

- Community Alcohol and Drug Advisory Service (CADAS), EDAS, Waves, Youth Offending Team, Early Help, Youth Worker
- The contribution of these services will be carefully negotiated and a teacher will always be present during their input to students in class.

Subject Leader of Citizenship/PSHE Responsibilities

- See the Subject Leader of Citizenship/PSHE Job Description.
- To enable students to make healthy, informed choices by increasing knowledge, and challenging attitudes.
- To ensure that students have access to and knowledge of up-to-date information on sources of help. This includes local and national helplines (including [FRANK](#) for drugs, [NHS Smoking Services](#) for tobacco and [Drinkline](#) for alcohol), youth and community services and drug services. These sources can be used as part of, or in addition to, the College's own drug and alcohol education. At Budmouth, we use the Dorset County Council/EDAS resource 'Your Choice', with all years from Years 7-11. This consists of 6 age-specific lessons per year employing a wide range of different teaching techniques by PSHE and Citizenship teachers. This resource can be found in the R:drive R:\Staff Only\Departments (Subjects)\Citizenship and PSHE resources.
- Students also have Drug and Alcohol education through Development days – Personal Safety Day in Year 8, and Blitz in Year 9.
- In the Sixth form, drugs education is tackled through the 'Health Day'. The College also has assemblies about drugs and if a specific need is identified the College will do further assemblies with a specific year group or smaller groups of students.
- To provide drugs education which informs choice and encourages the healthy option enabling students and staff to make informed decisions.

- To increase understanding of the implications and possible consequences of use and misuse.
- To widen understanding about drug related health and social issues, e.g. sex and sexuality, crime, HIV and AIDS.
- To seek to minimise the risks that users and potential users face and to be able to assess risk appropriately and keep themselves safe.
- To enable young people to identify sources of appropriate personal support.
- These responsibilities are discharged through the implementation of the Schemes of Work as followed by all students at Budmouth College.
- Monitoring.

Management of Drugs at Budmouth College

- All medicines and authorised drugs are administered by the **First Aider**. They should all be clearly labelled and left with the First Aider with the exception of EpiPens, inhalers and Insulin which should be carried by the student.

General Power to Confiscate

Colleges' general power to discipline, as set out in Section 91 of the Education and Inspections Act 2006, enables a member of staff to confiscate, retain or dispose of a student's property as a disciplinary penalty, where reasonable to do so.

Where the person finds other substances which are not believed to be controlled drugs these can be confiscated where a teacher believes them to be harmful or detrimental to good order and discipline. This would include new psychoactive substances or "legal highs" (NPS). These are designed to mimic the effect of illegal drugs but are structurally different enough to avoid being classified as illegal substances under the Misuse of Drugs Act. These drugs are now illegal to supply or import under the Psychoactive Substances Act 2016. Despite being labelled as legal these substances are not always safe to use and often contain controlled drugs making them illegal to possess. If College staff are unable to identify the legal status of a drug, it should be treated as a controlled drug (DfE and ACPO drug advice for Colleges September 2012).

- The College reserves the right to carry out a search of student's lockers, desks and **ALL** possessions when staff have reasonable grounds to suspect that the student is in possession of illegal substances. This search will be conducted by 2 staff with the student present. – This will be a member of staff of the same sex, ideally with a witness of the same sex. If the staff involved have any concerns they can refer to a member of the Senior Leadership team immediately. Parent/Carers will also be informed. Staff can seize any prohibited item which they consider harmful.
- Following a search, whether or not anything is found the member of staff should make a record of the person searched, the reason for the search, the time and the place, who was present and not the outcomes and any follow-up action. This should be done via email to the relevant Tutor for example 9MCW (this means that the Tutor, Progress Leader, Behaviour Support Leader, and Line Manager get the email), the Principal and CC to the Designated Safeguarding Lead. **If there is any sensitive information this should only be disclosed to the Designated Safeguarding Lead who can ensure that the student's rights and needs are met and that the information is only shared with appropriate agencies and relevant staff in line with the Safeguarding Policy and Child Protection Procedures.**
- Given the danger posed by volatile substances (aerosols etc.) the College may arrange for their safe disposal. Small amounts may be placed in a bin to which students do not have access, for example, a bin with a locked cupboard. For disposal of controlled drugs and drug paraphernalia see below.
- The College should normally inform the individual student's parents/carers where alcohol, illegal drugs or potentially harmful substances are found and if necessary seek their permission to share information with an outside agency that may be able to support the student.
- Complaints about searching should be dealt with through the normal College complaints procedure.

Controlled Drugs

In taking temporary possession and disposing of suspected controlled drugs the College should:

- Ensure that the member of staff doing this is a member of the Leadership Team and that a second adult witness is present throughout (if a member of the Leadership Team is not available it should be the most senior member of staff present e.g. Trip Leader;
- Seal the sample in a plastic bag and include details of the date and time of the seizure/find and witness present;
- Store it in a secure location, such as a safe or other lockable container with access limited to senior members of staff;

- Notify the police without delay, who will collect it and then store or dispose of it in line with locally agreed protocols. The law does not require the College to divulge to the police the name of the student from whom the drugs were taken but it is advised to do so;
- Record full details of the incident, including the police reference number and email to the Tutor (e.g. 8SJO which results in the relevant staff in the year team being informed), the Principal and CC to the Designated Safeguarding Lead. **If there is any sensitive information this should only be disclosed to the Designated Safeguarding Lead who can ensure that the student's rights and needs are met and that the information is only shared with appropriate agencies and relevant staff in line with the Safeguarding Policy and Child Protection Procedures.**
- Inform parents/carers, unless this is not in the best interests of the student and if necessary seek their permission to share information with an outside agency that may be able to support the student;
- Identify any safeguarding concerns and develop a support and disciplinary response.
- Staff should not attempt to analyse or taste unknown substances

Disposal of Drug Paraphernalia

Needles or syringes found on College premises should be placed in a sturdy, secure container (for example, a tin with a lid), using gloves. Soft-drink cans or plastic bottles should not be used. Used needles and syringes should not be disposed of in domestic waste. If incidents of finding needles are high then the College may wish to obtain a properly constructed sharps container, which should be kept out of reach of students and members of the public who may not appreciate the associated risks.

The College should liaise with the LA on the best way to dispose of the contents of a sharps container.

Drug Dogs and Drug Testing

The National Police Chief Council (NPCC) recommends that drug dogs and drug testing should not be used for searches where there is no evidence for the presence of drugs on College premises. However the College may choose to make use of drug dogs or drug testing strategies if we wish to. It is advised that the College consults with the local police.

Establishing the Nature of Drug Related Incidents

Colleges are recommended to conduct a careful investigation to judge the nature and seriousness of each incident. The emphasis should be on listening to what people have to say and asking open-ended, rather than closed or leading questions. Colleges should consider separating any students involved in the incident and ensuring that a second adult witness is present.

The Principal or designated staff member leading on drug issues should inform, consult and involve others as necessary. Careful attention should be given to respecting the confidentiality of those involved (see section 4.3). A range of factors may be relevant and need exploring to determine the seriousness of the incident, the needs of those involved and the most appropriate response. For example:

- What does the student have to say?
- Is this a one-off incident or longer-term situation?
- Is the drug legal or illegal?
- What quantity of the drug was involved?
- What was the student's motivation?
- Is the student knowledgeable and careful or reckless as to their own or others' safety and how was the drug being used?
- What are the student's home circumstances?
- Does the student know and understand the College policy and College rules?
- Where does the incident appear on a scale from 'possession of a small quantity' to 'persistent supply for profit'?
- If supply of illegal drugs is suspected, how much was supplied, and was the student coerced into the supply role, were they 'the one whose turn it was' to buy for others, or is there evidence of organised or habitual supply?

If during the course of its investigation the College decides that the police should be involved they are advised to cease detailed questioning and leave this to the latter.

Responding to Drug Related Incidents

If a student is suspected of being under the influence of drugs or alcohol on College premises, the College must prioritise the safety of the young person and those around them. If necessary it should be dealt with as a medical emergency, administering First Aid and summoning appropriate support. Depending on the circumstances, parents or the police may need to be contacted.

If the child is felt to be at risk the Safeguarding Policy and Child Protection Procedures will come into effect and social services need to be contacted.

The incident should be recorded and emailed to the Pastoral Team via the Tutor email (e.g. 7SKS), the Principal and CC to the Designated Safeguarding Lead and when relevant the First Aider. It should also be recorded on My Concern as soon as possible but must be done by the end of that working day. **If there is any sensitive information this should only be disclosed to the Designated Safeguarding Lead who can ensure that the student's rights and needs are met and that the information is only shared with appropriate agencies and relevant staff in line with the Safeguarding Policy and Child Protection Procedures.**

- Following the incident the College should investigate the event and the personal circumstances and if required appropriate referrals can be made and a Common Assessment Framework can be considered so that the College meets the needs of the individuals concerned. If necessary the College will seek the parent/carers permission to share information with an outside agency that may be able to support the student.

Recording an Incident

Schools should make a full record of every incident. Storage of sensitive information about pupils or staff should be secure and should accord with the requirements of the Data Protection Act 1998.

Schools should be aware that records, including notes of any discussions with pupils, may be used in any subsequent court proceedings. Notes should include the time, date, place and people present, as well as what was said.

Working with external agencies

The College offers a the Zone drop-in service at lunchtime where students can visit a Youth Worker or Project Worker, EDAS to discuss any concerns around drugs or just to ask curious questions. Students are reminded about this each half term by Tutors. Students can also be referred to these services and an extended piece of work may be completed. The Youth Worker takes a simple informal internal referral. A referral can be made to Shadows by the young person or any member of staff who has concerns, this has to be in agreement with the young person. The Shadows worker for this area can be contacted on 07715993005 and will advise staff on any drug related issues. The Shadows worker will also keep the school informed of any trends or spikes in drug use in the area they have noticed.

Local Services and other useful organisations

See Appendix I for a list of local services

See Appendix II for a list of useful organisations

Police involvement

Outline the agreed procedure for if and when police should be informed, consulted or actively involved in an incident, and what action is expected if police involvement is requested. This will be added as an appendix. Shelley Connelly is the representative from the Safer Schools Team and our College Liaison Officer

Discipline

See the Student Code of Conduct for details.

Students whose parents/carers or family members misuse drugs

Where problems are observed or suspected, or if a child chooses to disclose there are difficulties at home and it is not deemed to be a safeguarding issue, the College relevant Progress Leader will assess the student's welfare and support needs and when and how to involve other sources of support for the child such as Children's Services, services commissioned by the Drug and Alcohol Team (DAAT) programmes and, where appropriate family. If there is a safeguarding concern the Safeguarding Policy and Child Protection Procedures will be followed.

Confidentiality

The College needs to have regard to issues of confidentiality (although staff cannot promise total confidentiality to students). Confidentiality should be considered in line with the College Safeguarding Policy and Child Protection Procedures.

Tobacco- Smoke Free Schools

The minimum age for smoking is 18 and Colleges are subject to the same smoke free legislation as other premises.

- The College is a smoke free-site (though the Site Manager's house is an exception);
- Children, young people, staff, parents/carers and Governors have been involved in the development of a smoke-free site;
- The College provides information and support for smokers to quit e.g. promoting access to smoking cessation classes, which may be provided on the College site.
- Children and young people should understand the non-smoking policy.

The National Institute for Clinical Excellence (NICE) have developed guidance on College based interventions to prevent the uptake of smoking amongst young people.

Managing Medicines

- Some students may require medicines that have been prescribed for their medical condition during the College day. For more details of this see the Supporting Children with Medical Conditions and Managing Medicines Policy.

Staff Support and training

Staff are asked to read this policy and give feedback at a Tutor Meeting on a bi-annual basis. This means that they have the opportunity to discuss it and be aware of any changes. We send staff any new information regarding drugs and give them updates as required. Most teaching staff are also present during the assemblies about drugs to students.

- This policy applies to all students during the College day, or whilst on a College excursion and to and from their place of residence.
- The police will be actively involved in the drugs education programme. Any incident of dealing will be reported to the police. Incidents of possession will be at the discretion of the Principal.
- All students who are found in possession of illegal substances will also be directed to a relevant agency for counselling.
- Confidentiality. All sensitive information is only disclosed internally or externally with careful attention to rights and needs.

This policy will be monitored by the Governors Welfare and Discipline Committee and reviewed bi-annually.

Signatures of the Principal, Chair of Governors, Subject Leader for Citizenship, Chair of College Council.

Appendix I

Local Services

Community Alcohol and Drug Advisory Service (CADAS): (01305 779706 or cadas.west@dhuft.nhs.uk)

EDAS: Lisa Shimmin (07715 993005 or lisa.shimmin@edasuk.org)

Waves: (01305 768768 or waves@childrenssociety.org.uk)

Youth Offending Team: David Webb (0300 1233339 or David.Webb@Bournemouth.gcsx.gov.uk)

Weymouth & Portland Family Support Team - Early Intervention: (01305 225750 or weymouthandportlandlocalityhub@dorsetcc.gov.uk)

Youth Worker: Josh Why (j.why@dorsetcc.gov.uk)

Appendix II

Useful Organisations

Addaction is one of the UK's largest specialist drug and alcohol treatment charities. As well as adult services, they provide services specifically tailored to the needs of young people and their parents. The Skills for Life project supports young people with drug misusing parents.

Website: www.addaction.org.uk

ADFAM offers information to families of drug and alcohol users, and the website has a database of local family support services.

Tel: 020 7553 7640 Email: admin@adfam.org.uk

Website: www.adfam.org.uk

Alcohol Concern works to reduce the incidence and costs of alcohol-related harm to increase the range and quality of services available to people with alcohol-related problems.

Tel 020 7264 0510 Email: contact@alcoholconcern.org.uk

Website: www.alcoholconcern.org.uk

ASH (Action on Smoking and Health) is a campaigning public health charity aiming to reduce the health problems caused by tobacco.

Tel: 020 7739 5902 Email: enquiries@ash.org.uk

Website: www.ash.org.uk

Children's Legal Centre operates a free and confidential legal advice and information service covering all aspects of law and policy affecting children and young people.

Tel: 01206 877910 Email: clc@essex.ac.uk

Website: www.childrenslegalcentre.com

Children's Rights Alliance for England is a charity working to improve the lives and status of all children in England through the fullest implementation of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child.

Email: info@crae.org.uk

Website: www.crae.org.uk

Drinkaware is an independent charity that promotes responsible drinking through innovative ways to challenge the national drinking culture, helping reduce alcohol misuse and minimise alcohol related harm.

Tel: 020 7307 7450

Website: www.drinkaware.co.uk

Drinkline is a free and confidential helpline for anyone who is concerned about their own or someone else's drinking.

Tel: 0800 917 8282 (lines open 24 hours a day)

Drug and Alcohol Team (DAAT) Tel: 01202 451 451 Address: St Stephens Road, Bournemouth, BH2 6EB

Drug Education Forum is a website that contains a number of useful papers and briefing sheets for use by practitioners.

Website: www.drugeducationforum.com

DrugScope is a centre of expertise on illegal drugs, aiming to inform policy development and reduce drug-related risk. The website includes detailed drug information and access to the Information and Library Service. DrugScope also hosts the Drug Education Practitioners Forum.

Tel: 020 7520 7550 Email: info@drugscope.org.uk

Website: www.drugscope.org.uk

FRANK is the national drugs awareness campaign aiming to raise awareness amongst young people of the risks of illegal drugs, and to provide information and advice. It also provides support to parents/carers, helping to give them the skills and confidence to communicate with their children about drugs.

24 Hour Helpline: 0800 776600 Email: frank@talktofrank.com

Website: www.talktofrank.com

Mentor UK is a non-government organisation with a focus on protecting the health and wellbeing of children and young people to reduce the damage that drugs can do to their lives.

Tel: 020 7739 8494 Email: admin@mentoruk.org

Website: www.mentoruk.org.uk

National Children's Bureau promotes the interests and well-being of all children and young people across every aspect of their lives.

Tel: 020 7843 6000

Website: www.ncb.org.uk

Family Lives is a charity offering support and information to anyone parenting a child or teenager. It runs a free-phone helpline and courses for parents, and develops innovative projects.

Tel: 0800 800 2222

Website: <http://familylives.org.uk>

Re-Solv (Society for the Prevention of Solvent and Volatile Substance Abuse) is a national charity providing information for teachers, other professionals, parents and young people.

Tel: 01785 817885 Information Line: 01785 810762 Email: information@re-solv.org

Website: www.re-solv.org

Smokefree is the NHS Smoking Helping. Tel: 0800 169 0 169

Website: <http://smokefree.nhs.uk>

Stars National Initiative offers support for anyone working with children, young people and families affected by parental drug and alcohol misuse.

Website: www.starsnationalinitiative.org.uk

Youth Offending Teams – Local Youth Offending Teams are multi-agency teams and are the responsibility of the local authority, who have a statutory duty to prevent offending by young people under the age of 19

Website: www.gov.uk/youthoffending-team

Appendix III

List of Key Terms

Authorised Drugs

Principally, authorised drugs include medicines and any other drugs sanctioned for legitimate use, (such as alcohol stored for a raffle, smoking permitted at functions, safe storage and use of hazardous chemicals). In all other circumstances, drugs are unauthorised whether legal or not.

DATs

Drug Action Teams are multi-agency teams with responsibility for local drugs strategy. There is a DAT co-terminus with every English Local Authority. They involve Education, Health, Police, Social Services, Youth Service and the Voluntary Sector. In some areas they are called Drug and Alcohol Action Teams (DAATs).

DEF

Drug Education Forum (see Appendix 2).

DEPIS

Drugs Education and Prevention Information Service (see Appendix 2).

DfES

Department for Education and Skills.

DH

Department of Health.

Drugs

For the purpose of this document, 'drugs' refers to all drugs:

- All illegal drugs, i.e. those controlled by the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971; see Appendix 2 (Summary of relevant laws).
- All legal drugs, including alcohol and tobacco which have a particular significance in relation to students, volatile substances (those giving off a gas or vapour which can be inhaled), ketamine, khat, alkyl nitrites (known as poppers) and GHB (gammahydroxybutyrate).
- All over-the-counter and prescription medicines.

Drug misuse

Drug misuse is drug taking which harms health or functioning. It may take the form of physical or psychological dependence or be part of a wider spectrum of problematic or harmful behaviour. Drug misuse may require more intense interventions than 'drug use', including treatment.

Drug related incident

Suspicion or evidence of any situation or specific event involving a drug, where good management is needed to ensure safety. This could relate to a student, parent/carer or staff member and could involve a situation occurring outside of College time.

Drug use

Drug use is drug taking through which harm may occur, whether through intoxication, breach of laws or of **College** rules, or the possibility of future health problems, although such harm may not be immediately perceptible. Drug use will require interventions such as management education, advice and information, and prevention work to reduce the potential for harm.

LAs

Local Authorities.

NHSS

The National Healthy School Standard is an established national programme delivered by local education and health partnerships through local Healthy School Programmes. It aims to support Colleges to promote physical and emotional health and to provide a physical and social environment that is conducive to learning.

Ofsted

Office for Standards in Education (see useful organisations and websites).

Parents/Carers

Includes parents, carers and other family members that care for children and young people.

PSHE

Personal, Social and Health Education.

Risk Factors

Factors which, particularly in combination, may make children more vulnerable to harmful outcomes. Risk Factors include chaotic home environments, being excluded from College, lack of nurturing by parents/carers, being looked-after, College failure, friendships with deviant peers and being labelled as a drug misuser.

SDA

School Drug Adviser

Every College should now have access to a school drug adviser, via their LA, to help them deliver drug education and support tailored to the needs of students.

SEN

Special Educational Needs

For the purpose of this document, 'SEN' refers to all special educational needs, not only those which lead to a student having a statement.

SRE

Sex and Relationship Education

VSA

Volatile Substance Abuse (VSA) refers to the inhalation, sometimes referred to as 'sniffing', of gas or vapours from volatile substances, including butane and propane, aerosol propellants, some glues and solvents, petrol, etc, for intoxicating purposes. The effects are much like those of alcohol, though they do not last as long. This can also be referred to as solvent misuse.

Vulnerable groups

In this context, vulnerable means at increased risk of the misuse of drugs. Students found to be more vulnerable include those who are looked after, truants, excluded from College, physically or sexually abused, in contact with mental health services or the criminal justice system and children of parents/carers with drug problems.

Young People's Substance Misuse Plan (YPSMP)

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