

**TO: CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE AND LEARNING OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY PANEL
12 JANUARY 2015**

**WORKING GROUP UPDATE REPORT
Working Group Lead Member**

1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 This report sets out the progress achieved to date by the Working Group of the Panel reviewing substance misuse by, and impacting on, children and young people and their families.

2 RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 **That the Panel notes the progress achieved to date by its Working Group reviewing substance misuse by, and impacting on, children and young people and their families.**

3 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 To keep the Panel up to date regarding the activities of its Working Group reviewing substance misuse and the effects it has on children and young people and their families.

4 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 4.1 None.

5 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 5.1 A Working Group of the Panel was established to undertake a review of substance misuse by, and impacting on, children and young people and their families in September 2014. This review follows on from a review of substance misuse by adults previously undertaken by a working group of the Adult Social Care and Housing Overview and Scrutiny Panel.
- 5.2 The Working Group has met on five occasions to date. It received an introductory briefing from officers and considered the scope of the review at its first meeting. Members finalised and agreed the scope and prepared a programme of work at their second meeting. The third, fourth and fifth meetings featured information gathering discussions with the Head of Drug and Alcohol Services, an Alcohol and Substance Misuse Worker, the Head of Safeguarding Services, the Alcohol and Substance Misuse Youth Worker, the Public Health Consultant and a representative of Thames Valley Police.
- 5.3 Future work will include gathering further information from the Substance Misuse Arrest and Referral Team and the Youth Offending Service. In addition, substance misuse related data collected by Children's Social Care and the Drug and Alcohol Action Team will be analysed.

**6 **ADVICE RECEIVED FROM STATUTORY AND OTHER OFFICERS / EQUALITIES
IMPACT ASSESSMENT / STRATEGIC RISK MANAGEMENT ISSUES /
CONSULTATION****

6.1 Not applicable.

Background Papers

None.

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