

Substance Misuse Strategy Group

Lead: WSCC Community Safety Unit

Working with:

Worthing Borough Council	West Sussex Youth Service
Sussex Police (Highdown Division)	Primary Care Trusts
West Sussex Youth Offending Team	Victim Support
Worthing Churches Homeless Project	WSCC Social and Caring Services
West Sussex Drug Action Team	Crime Reduction Initiative
Sussex Oakleaf	

In addition to the identified membership of the group it will also be necessary to work with other existing agencies and voluntary groups to deliver what is a challenging strategy.

These to include:

- Worthing Health Housing and Social Care Forum
- Sussex Probation Accommodation Forum
- Primary Care Trust User Group
- Neighbourhood Watch
- The Home Office
- Government Office for the South East
- National Probation Service
- Southern Crimestoppers

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<p>1 To target the issues of underage drinking and the problems associated with young substance misusers in the Borough</p>	<p>In partnership with Trading Standards, reduce the opportunity for those under 18 to gain access to alcohol by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Undertaking test purchases of alcohol in off licences and supermarkets leading to warnings and prosecutions. • Gaining support from alcohol vendors to a strict policy on underage sales. • Researching the most effective methods used nationally and internationally. <p>Promote SNAP dance events & involve young people in the organisational role</p> <p>Widen Say No And Phone (SNAP) dance format to include sports and other activities.</p> <p>Develop a system to measure young people's satisfaction of SNAP events to confirm if they have a good time in a drug and alcohol free environment.</p> <p>Determine if there is an impact on their understanding of the drug prevention message</p> <p>Develop Global Rock Challenge within the Borough</p>	<p>a) Number of incidents of underage sales reported to the Police and/or Trading Standards.</p> <p>b) Number of prosecutions and warnings</p> <p>c) Provision of SNAP dances</p> <p>d) Promote and hold a SNAP based non-dance activity (Snap Active) in collaboration with the Young Peoples Strategy Group</p> <p>e) Measure of satisfaction levels at, and impact of SNAP events</p> <p>f) Survey participants to measure understanding (information, knowledge and skills)</p> <p>g) Secure Worthing schools involvement in Global Rock Challenge events</p>	<p>a) Create baseline figure for underage alcohol sales in 2002/3</p> <p>b) A reduction per annum in the baseline figure for underage alcohol sales in 2003/4 onwards</p> <p>c) 6 number SNAP dances per annum</p> <p>d) 1 held per annum</p> <p>e) Increase satisfaction from a baseline created during 2002/3</p> <p>f) Carry out 2 random surveys amongst participants per annum</p> <p>g) A minimum of 1 school per annum to participate</p>	<p>a) By March 2003</p> <p>b) Ongoing with annual review</p> <p>c) Ongoing with annual review</p> <p>d) Ongoing with annual review</p> <p>e) Ongoing with annual review</p> <p>f) Ongoing with annual review</p> <p>g) Ongoing with annual review</p>
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<p>1. (continued) To target the issues of underage drinking and the problems associated with young substance misusers in the Borough</p>	<p>Seek the inclusion of those young people as being at risk of offending and/or excluded from mainstream provision, identified by the Youth Offending Team in community safety initiatives</p> <p>Audit existing support available for carers/ parents with children affected by substance misuse and seek to provide additional support where a need is identified</p>	<p>h) Measure numbers of young people participating in community safety initiatives</p> <p>i) Audit and report on support</p>	<p>h) Increase number of young people participating by 5% per annum from a baseline created during 2002/3</p> <p>i) September 2002</p>	<p>h) Ongoing with annual review</p> <p>i) By September 2002</p>
<p>2. Work to disrupt local drugs markets</p>	<p>Create a Communities Against Drugs innovation fund supporting local solutions to local problems</p> <p>Support targeted Police action with appropriate funding from Communities Against Drugs initiative.</p> <p>Utilise a drug sniffer dog for deterrent activities.</p> <p>Support the role of Southern Crimestoppers to act as a partner in disrupting drugs supplies</p> <p>Formulate spending plan for 'Communities Against Drugs' funding for years 2002-2004 incorporating a clear exit strategy</p>	<p>a) Number of projects supported</p> <p>b) Number of arrests arising from targeted operations, either directly or indirectly</p> <p>c) Operations using special sniffer dog</p> <p>d) Increase in number of calls to Crimestoppers from Worthing area</p> <p>e) Production of spending plans for 2002/3</p> <p>f) Production of outline spending plans for 2003/4</p>	<p>a) 6 projects supported per annum</p> <p>b) Establish baseline in 2002/3 then seek an annual increase</p> <p>c) Establish baseline in 2002/3 then seek an annual increase</p> <p>d) 5% per annum from the Worthing area</p> <p>e) Agree plan for 2002/3</p> <p>f) Produce outline plan for 2003/4</p>	<p>a) Ongoing with annual review</p> <p>b) Ongoing with annual review</p> <p>c) Ongoing with annual review</p> <p>d) Ongoing with annual review</p> <p>e) By May 2002</p> <p>f) By September 2002</p>

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Our Action Plan for 2002-2005:

<p>3. To map and develop local provision for alcohol & substance misusers</p>	<p>Work with Worthing Churches Homeless Project, Crime Reduction Initiative, Registered Social Landlords and other partners including West Sussex DAT to agree and implement a plan to develop and improve local provision and support to help drug users overcome their problems. <i>(This will include an audit of existing local provision and comparing this with forecast demands).</i></p> <p>Utilise 'Communities Against Drugs' funding to support a tenancy support worker for Worthing (Sussex Oakleaf Project)</p>	<p>a) Create database of existing local provision</p> <p>b) Report on plan</p> <p>c) Provision of post</p> <p>d) Provide support, and seek to gain secured tenancies, for 15 clients who are inadequately housed</p>	<p>a) Database created by April 2003</p> <p>b) October 2002</p> <p>c) Agree post and successfully recruit</p> <p>d) Provide support by March 2003</p>	<p>a) April 2003</p> <p>b) October 2002</p> <p>c) June 2002</p> <p>d) March 2003</p>
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