# Merton Young Person's Substance Misuse Integrated Model

Young person talks about using substances or concerns are raised about a young person's use of substances



# Young person presents with substance misuse. Level of concern: Frequent/regular use • Frequent, regular pattern of substance misuse • Has more risk factors, e.g. belongs to a vulnerable

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- Experimentation with substances aged 13 to 14.
- At risk of exploitation due to substance misuse.

As in universal response plus:

relating to level of use.

one already exists.

Provide harm prevention messages

Undertake CASA or ascertain if

assessment 020 3701 8641.

Refer to CAMHS if additional

mental health needs are

Refer to Catch22 for full

identified.

Family history of substance misuse.

• Has more risk factors, e.g. belongs to a vulnerable group, LAC, mental health problems, NEET, homeless, young offender, young sex worker, is pregnant.

 Parental substance misuse influencing young persons' use.

Where risky sexual behaviour is

Concerns regarding sexualised

behaviour contact Barnardos

Consider other targeted services

- Jigsaw4u 020 8687 1384.

e.g. Transforming families,

My futures, Young Carers.

020 8688 1079 or young runaways

www.gettingiton.org.uk

identified refer to Checkitout services

#### Harmful use

- Experiencing high level of harm through use of substances.
- Experimentation with substances aged under 13.
- Young person injecting.
- Substance misuse exacerbating existing complex needs.
- Uncontrolled use and/or physical psychological dependency on substances.
  - Involvement in drug dealing/exploitation by dealers.
    - Has high level risk factors, e.g. belongs to a vulnerable group, LAC, mental health problems, NEET, homeless, young offender, young sex worker, is pregnant,
      - homeless. Parental substance misuse is preventing ability to parent.

## Occasional/infrequent use

- Occasional experimentation with substances (aged 15+).
- No family history of substance misuse.
- First time use of substances (14+).
- Has resilience factors e.g. supportive family environment, social support system, is in education, employment/training, has positive self esteem, has a caring relationship with at least one adult.

### Universal response

- Provide harm prevention pre-contemplation.
- behaviours e.g. sexual health.
- Refer to FRANK 0800 776600 www.talktofrank.com or www.gettingiton.org.uk
- required 020 3701 8641.

key questions to consider Are there concerns

Suggested appropriate response

**Targeted response** 

Is the young person presenting as if under the influence of substances? e.g. loud, red eyes, lack giggling, risky behaviour. expressed concern

about a young person's attendance concentration, punctuality?

Has there been a breakdown in the family placement? (LAC, 14+)

Has there been risky behaviour as a result of substance use? e.g. drinking/taking drugs in an unsafe place - park, unsupervised party in a house, visiting a house for the purpose to use substances, risky sexual behaviour,

Have you had a report including from A & E detailing substance misuse?

> Has an offence occurred in relation to substance misuse, or young person discloses moving substances around? e.g. possession or supply, driving, stealing.

If the answer is YES to any of the questions above complete CASA to give holistic view of young person's life and family context and refer to Catch22. Where there are safeguarding concerns refer direct to MASH merton.gov.uk/mash Tel: 020 8545 4227/020 8770 5000 (out of hours) Email: mash@merton.gov.uk

messages to provoke thought/

 Provide information and advice on substance misuse and related

• Talk through an information leaflet.

• No need to refer on but contact Catch22 for advice if Specialist response As in targeted response plus: Follow safeguarding procedures:

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of balance, agitated,

Complete

Is the young person requesting information or advice on substance misuse for themselves or another person or family member?

Has a parent

about a child or young

person's risky behaviour?

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