

**CHILDREN AND LEARNING SCRUTINY PANEL
SUBSTANCE MISUSE AMONG PARENTS
AND CARERS – ACTION PLAN**

17 July 2012

SCRUTINY RECOMMENDATION	PROPOSED ACTION	BY WHOM	BUDGET COST	TIMESCALE
<p>1. That work is continued to agree and implement a Joint Local Protocol as soon as possible. The Scrutiny Panel would expect significant progress to have been made by August / September 2012, with an update to be reported to the Panel.</p>	<p>The Hidden Harm multi-agency group continue to meet to agree and write the Protocol</p>	<p>Co-ordination & Development Support Officer, SMP and Risk Reduction Manager, CFL</p>	<p>£0</p>	<p>Final Draft by 31st August 2012 Consultation with CYP Trust, MSCB and Drug and Alcohol Commissioning Group by 20th September 2012</p>
<p>2. That, following development of a Joint Local Protocol, action is taken to measure its effectiveness - for example, by developing audit and accountability systems to ensure that all involved make best use of and adhere to the protocol and by identifying and reporting to Middlesbrough Safeguarding Children's Board on the following:</p> <p>a) The number of children under 18 living with an adult or adults who are in Tier 3</p>	<p>The suggested performance measures will be incorporated in the Protocol, where they will be gathered and reported quarterly</p>	<p>Co-ordination & Development Support Officer, SMP and Risk Reduction Manager, CFL</p>	<p>£0</p>	<p>Final Draft by 31st August 2012 Consultation with CYP Trust, MSCB and Drug and Alcohol Commissioning Group by 20th September 2012</p>

<p>treatment for drugs and/or alcohol misuse.</p> <p>b) The number of children who have had a Pre-CAF completed.</p> <p>c) The number of Pre-CAFs resulting in a full CAF being completed.</p> <p>d) Any gaps in services for children living with problematic substance misusers.</p>				
<p>3. That all commissioned drug and alcohol services (adult and young people's services) should have a clause included in any new contract which binds them to adhere to the joint protocol.</p>	<p>Services are commissioned with contracts that continue until 31st March 2013. Following this, SMP will ensure that the new clause will be incorporated</p>	<p>Commissioning Manager, SMP</p>	<p>£0</p>	<p>1st April 2013</p>
<p>4. That training on the impact of substance misuse by parents and carers on children, on safeguarding, hidden harm, the referrals process, and the Pre-CAF and CAF processes is provided to all Adult Social Care staff who may come into contact with children of substance misusing parents and that this becomes part of core induction training.</p>	<p>A training plan will be developed along side the Protocol and implemented once the Protocol has been accepted</p>	<p>Co-ordination & Development Support Officer, SMP</p> <p>and</p> <p>Risk Reduction Manager, CFL</p>	<p>£3,000 Minimum</p>	<p>December 2012 - 50% staff trained. All staff to be trained by June 2013</p>

APPENDIX A

<p>5. That training on the impact of substance misuse by parents and carers on children, safeguarding, hidden harm, the referrals process, and the Pre-CAF and CAF processes is also provided to all staff in commissioned drug and alcohol services who may come into contact with children of substance misusing parents.</p>	<p>A training plan will be developed alongside the Protocol and implemented once the Protocol has been accepted</p>	<p>Co-ordination & Development Support Officer, SMP and Risk Reduction Manager, CFL</p>	<p>£3,000 Minimum</p>	<p>December 2012 - 50% staff trained. All staff to be trained by June 2013</p>
<p>6. That the Group which is developing the Joint Protocol also develops more sophisticated data gathering systems in order to improve information regarding numbers of children and young people involved, as well as age profiles.</p>	<p>This will be developed alongside the Protocol and commented on in the annual drug and alcohol needs assessments for both young people and adults.</p>	<p>Co-ordination & Development Support Officer, SMP and Risk Reduction Manager, CFL</p>	<p>£0</p>	<p>February 2013</p>