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Confidentiality

Service User's information is treated as confidential within the project and will only be shared with the knowledge and permission of the service user except when a child or vulnerable person is at risk.

Equality & Diversity

We respect differences in ethnic origin, gender, religion, sexuality, culture and language both as an employer and service provider.

We will endeavour to communicate in people's first language and will ensure participation of those with disabilities.

Participation

Young people and their families will be included in meetings and reviews about the progress they are making and their views will be sought before any decisions are made.

They will be asked for their views about the service they are receiving.

They will be encouraged to assist in the shaping and developing of the service.

Comments / Complaints

If you have any problems or concerns regarding the service, please speak to a member of staff. Any problems or concerns will be dealt with promptly.



Early Intervention Substance Misuse Service



- A Western Isles
Alcohol and Drug Partnership Project -



WESTERN ISLES
ALCOHOL DRUG PARTNERSHIP

Who We Are...

Action for Children work in partnership with the Outer Hebrides Alcohol & Drug Partnership (ADP), who play a significant role in the local delivery of national addiction strategies to tackle drug and alcohol misuse problems.

ALCOHOL MISUSE IS A FACTOR IDENTIFIED IN 1 IN 5 CHILDREN IN NEED OF HELP OR PROTECTION FROM SOCIAL CARE IN ENGLAND.



Who We Help...

Our early intervention service works across Lewis and Harris with young people aged 11-18 years, living in Lewis and Harris, who are identified as having been under the influence of substances and/ or misusing substances.

We also work with children affected by family addiction issues or another's substance misuse, from the ages of 8 – 18 years.

We aim to provide support and assistance to those who are not currently heavily involved with statutory agencies.

What We Do...

- We work in partnership with local statutory and non-statutory agencies to improve outcomes for children, young people and their families.
- We provide individual based sessions, initially in a 6 week block, which will address substance misuse and any issues associated with this.
- We also provide longer term intervention, up to 6 months, involving young people in diversionary activities and our community based service. We will do this in partnership with Community Education. Within this period we will continue to work with the young person using a person centered approach to address any issues affecting their well-being e.g. family issues, education difficulties, problems in the community.
- We help parents to learn and implicate parenting strategies to enable families to communicate better.
- We support young people out of hours at the weekends through collaboration with our Streetwork Service.
- We create a link for the young person with other agencies and can advocate on their behalf if required.

- We provide a follow up meeting with the young person and their family 3 months after the end of service to ensure progress continues.
- Through various means, we will discuss alcohol misuse and alcohol limits, the law and substance misuse, healthy relationships and sexual health and personal safety.
- We encourage diversion into community based activities, working in partnership with Community Education and other voluntary bodies and associations.



Referrals...

Referrals from Education, Community Education, Health, Social Work, Schools and Police, will all be considered. Consent will be sought from parents if the young person is under 16, or from the young person themselves, where they are aged between 16 – 18. Parents and young people can self-refer to the service.