

Young Peoples Substance Misuse Service (Kingston and Richmond)

Referral criteria

Referrals to the service should be completed on the standardised referral form by the referring agency. This will also act as an assessment of substance-related needs and provide information to enable the service to determine if the young persons' needs meet our criteria. They include:

- Under 13 years of age and taking substances (excluding tobacco)
- Young person regularly presents as incoherent following use of substances
- Young person perceives that their own substance use significantly affects their daily life
- Young person's substance use appears to be increasing the risk of significant harm to them or others.
- Recent or multiple episodes of heroin, crack, cocaine, amphetamine or volatile substance abuse
- Pregnant young women using substances
- Substances are being injected
- Young person is only receiving needle and syringes from a pharmacist
- Young person requests safer injecting advice
- Substance use is causing or contributing to health problems
- Substance use is contributing to mental health problems (for example persistent paranoia, hallucinations, panic attacks and so on)
- Young person has a learning disability and is using substances (for example ADHD and Aspergers Syndrome)
- Young person requires advice and information, on pre and post test counselling on Hepatitis B and C and HIV
- Poly substance use involving Class As and/or depressants (for example pain Killers, Ketamine, Alcohol and so on)
- Young person is dependant (physically or psychologically) on substance.

In addition to the criteria described above, the Young People's Substance Misuse Service will accept any self referral from young people motivated to reduce the harms of their substance misuse.

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