

Appendix 1

Select Committee – 19 November 2007

John Berridge Chair of the DAAT Partnership

**Claire Baker, Young People's Commissioning and Planning Manager,
DAAT**

Claire Baker (nee Bowler) - Young People's Commissioning and Planning Manager, Nottinghamshire County Drug and Alcohol Team

The Nottinghamshire County Drug and Alcohol Action Team (DAAT) is an active working partnership that seeks to reduce the harm caused to society by the problematic use of drugs and alcohol. They work across the seven districts of Nottinghamshire County. The main function of the DAAT is to deliver the Governments Updated National Drug Strategy and the National Alcohol Harm Reduction Strategy at a local level. It commission services in line with national targets and local need.

Nicola Crisp, Manger, WAM (What About Me?)

WAM (What About Me?) is a support service working across Nottinghamshire for children and young people (aged 5-19) affected by somebody else's drug and alcohol use/misuse.

WAM offer the above children and young people one to one support – providing quality time, advocacy and diversionary activities for young people and therapeutic play to children.

We also provide interactive hour long sessions within schools across the county with the aim of raising the awareness of the impact of substance use on families, young people and their peers and to raise awareness of the WAM service. WAM also provide substance awareness sessions in inclusion units, behavioural units, Learning Support, youth clubs and Young Offenders Institutions.

Dave Gilbert, Chief Executive of DARE ((Drug Abuse Resistance Education)

DARE is a charity which was originally set up in Los Angeles in 1983 in order to allow police officers to deliver drugs education training in schools. Since 1993, the DARE programme has been delivered to around 200,000 primary school children in Nottinghamshire.

The programme aims to equip young people with the knowledge to resist pressures to use drugs, tobacco, excess alcohol and solvents by providing them with accurate information. It aims to teach decision making and resistance skills to overcome peer pressure. The programme is aimed at 9-11 year olds and consists of 11 one hour sessions. DARE works in local

partnerships with police forces, Local Education Authorities, Drug & Alcohol Action Teams and Health Authorities.

In January 2007, Nottinghamshire Police announced that they would discontinue their £180,000 annual funding of DARE. Subsequent to this, alternative funding was secured from SportsAct (an organisation which raises funds for charities via sports themed events) and Wilkinson's the hardware retailer.

Schools are now offered the programme in three delivery formats and these options allow for the schools to make a choice according to need and budget.

Sarah King, Development Manager, Life Education Centres

Life Education Centres Nottinghamshire delivers interactive health education programmes to school children aged 3-11 throughout the City and County of Nottinghamshire. The programmes are delivered in purpose-built mobile classrooms, which are located on the school premises for the duration of the visit.

The programmes delivered are age specific and teach children about their bodies, their relationships and interaction with others, and help them to make informed choices about the lifestyles they adopt. The programmes aim to instil within children a sense of wonderment and awe about their bodies and this is used as the foundation to emphasise the importance of looking after the 'miracle' of their body. With older children there is a focus on substances which may harm the body and children are given the information, strategies and confidence necessary for them to make an informed choice about drugs, alcohol and cigarettes.

The programmes support the school PSHE curriculum, helping schools to get the five key targets in the Every Child Matters programme in the 2004 *Children Act*. In addition, schools often use the visit to introduce activities which help them to achieve 'Healthy Schools' status.

In addition to the core work with children, Life Education Centres also deliver parenting courses which enable them to maximise the impact of their programmes. By taking a holistic approach and working in conjunction with schools, parents and the wider community they can ensure that these messages are reinforced in both the school environment and the home.

Life Education Centres work with over 40,000 Nottinghamshire children a year and deliver up to twenty parenting programmes a year.

Philip Kirkland, PSHCE Consultant and Healthy Schools Co-ordinator, Nottinghamshire County Council

Philip is a PSHCE Consultant and Healthy Schools Co-ordinator for the County Council. He is based at the Peter Donnelly Centre in Mansfield. He works with schools and related consultancy around personal, social, health

and citizenship education (PSHCE). This includes healthy eating and emotional literacy.

Suanne Lim, Development Manager, Nottinghamshire Youth Offending Service

The Crime and Disorder Act 1998 places a statutory duty on every local authority to establish, through partnerships of local agencies, multi-agency teams to co-ordinate the provision of local youth justice services. The Youth Offending Service is the primary vehicle by which the statutory principal aim of reducing and preventing offending is delivered. Performance is closely monitored by Central Government and the Youth Justice Board.

Nottinghamshire Youth Offending Service has 3 Locality Youth Offending Teams and 4 Countywide Project Teams. They are responsible for delivering all youth justice and preventative services for children and young people aged 8-18 years across the 7 districts of Nottinghamshire.

Teams include at least one representative from key Partner agencies comprising; Local Authority education representative, Local Authority children's social care representative, Police and Probation. The Youth Offending Service commission Nottinghamshire Drug Action Alcohol Team to provide services to address substance misuse and mental health concerns.

Denis A McCarthy, Operations Manager (County SE Area), Connexions Nottinghamshire

Denis has worked for Connexions Nottinghamshire since April 2002. He is currently an Operations Manager (County SE Area) managing teams delivering Information, Advice and Guidance and support to young people in Rushcliffe, Gedling, Newark and Sherwood Districts and South Broxtowe. Denis is the Health Lead within Connexions Nottinghamshire.

John Morris, Schools Improvement Advisor, Nottinghamshire County Council

John is a School Improvement Adviser, with the County Council. He is responsible for the Personal Development of Learners team, which leads on advice and support for schools around the issues of Health Education and Drugs Education, in particular.

He has been both the humanities inspector and a secondary inspector in Nottinghamshire and since the 2003 Ofsted inspection of the LA has been responsible for gifted and talented provision, moving judgements on its quality from unsatisfactory to making very good progress.

As a teacher, he has taught in primary, secondary and the post-16 phases and worked in schools in Cheshire, Kent and Birmingham. As part of his work for the LA, he held a special lecturer post at Nottingham University (2000-

20006) and currently, lecturers or assesses on in-service linked training provided by Nottingham Trent and Oxford Brookes universities.

Leah Sareen, Strategic Lead, Children Young, People & Substance Misuse, Nottinghamshire County Council.

Leah has the overall strategic lead for children and young people in relation to substance misuse for Nottinghamshire County Council and also works as part of the Nottinghamshire County Drug and Alcohol Action Team partnership.

Leah has responsibility for the NCC & DAAT substance use policy, which is formerly known as a policy for U&S (you and substance use). The policy provides guidance for managing and responding to substance use related incidents for all agencies delivering services to children and young people. It provides a legal framework for managers and workers in line with safeguarding responsibilities.

The policy is recognised nationally and locally as a model of best practice and has recently been up-dated and is available online at www.uandspolicy.co.uk

The NCC work is currently focused on smoking related issues, substance use & sexual health. The collaborative work with the DAAT is focused on Children Looked After, workforce development and diversity issues.

Leah is based with in the Safer Communities Team and work across the whole of Children Services and the wider Nottinghamshire County Council and Drug and Alcohol Action Team Partnership.

Anne Trout, PSHE Consultant, Nottinghamshire County Council

Anne is part of the Personal Development of Learners Team, Learning and Achievement strand of Children's Services at Nottinghamshire County Council (NCC). Her post is funded by the Drug and Alcohol Action Team (DAAT) Young Peoples (YP) Joint Commissioning Group, this funding ends March 08.

Anne's responsibilities are to work, with all schools to support them to achieve the Healthy Schools Personal Social Health Education (PSHE) Drugs strand of the National Healthy Schools Standard, KPI 1 of the DAAT YP plan, and the NCC Children & Young Peoples Plan. This work is delivered within a multi-agency framework.

James Upton, Team Leader, "Face It"

'Face it' offers advice, support, information and treatment for young people under 18 and care leavers up to 21, who are at risk of using/using drugs or alcohol. The Service works across the County of Nottinghamshire. 'Face it' delivers a range of interventions ranging from brief intervention to care planned treatment. The Service supports young people 1-1, via group work and via detached. There are two Workers who offer support directly for young people at risk of exclusion or who have been excluded from school.

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Donna-Marie Donnelly, “Face It”

“Face it” attended the last meeting of the Select Committee on the 5th November. Members very interested to hear about the role it has in working with young people to try and prevent exclusions and they have been invited back so that the committee can learn more about their role.

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Chief Inspector Wes McDonald, Head of HQ (Communities Youth and Race Relations)

Chief Inspector McDonald is Head of Department for Community Youth & Race Relations for Nottinghamshire Police, which cover a number of work streams, around Community & Race Relations issues, Youth issues, Restorative Justice and Victims, Crime Reduction, Business Marketing which supports the force by providing specialist funding advice and securing additional funds for Force projects and management of the Youth Justice database.

Nick Romilly, Health Development Manager, Nottinghamshire County tPCT

The Healthy Schools team supports schools in Nottinghamshire to achieve/maintain Healthy Schools Status, including Drugs Education (policy and practice) as part of Personal Social and Health Education (PSHE) theme. Each school is allocated an adviser who will support in developing policy and practice in Drug Education. The Adviser will work closely with the Local Authority in ensuring all school Drug Education policies are in line with U&S Policy and are quality assured. In addition the team (in particular the Health Improvement Practitioner Specialist whose post is partly funded by the DAAT) undertake specific pieces of work around Drug Education – currently a Smoking and Needle Safety resource for Healthy Schools Toolkit, to support in the delivery of Drug Education on the ground.

Superintendent Tim Spink, Nottinghamshire Police, Drugs Directorate

Visits

Students and teachers, Garibaldi Maths and Computing College, Forest Town, Mansfield – 5 November 2007

Dave Binks, Head teacher, Priestic Primary School, Sutton in Ashfield – 5 November 2007

Pupils and parents, Priestic Primary School, Sutton in Ashfield – 5 November 2007

Personal Development of Learners Team Drama Workshop – 5 November 2007

Dr Max Biddulph, School of Education, University of Nottingham – 6 December 2007

Dr Max Biddulph is an academic based in the School of Education at the University of Nottingham. The School of Education is one of the largest and most established education departments of any UK university and undertakes research and professional development for a large range of professionals. Prior to joining the University of Nottingham, Max worked in secondary schools for 27 years teaching Humanities and Personal, Social, Health Education including Sex and Relationships Education (SRE) and Drugs Education. He has consulted to numerous national agencies in this field and in 2002-04 worked on a National Children's Bureau pilot project exploring the links between SRE and Drugs Education. He is currently undertaking Department of Health funded research exploring the potential for using the literacy hour in primary schools as a mechanism for challenging homophobic bullying.

Other Witnesses

Students, West Nottinghamshire College, Mansfield – 24 September 2007