



meeting DRUGS EDUCATION SELECT COMMITTEE

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Report of the Chair of the Drugs Education Select Committee

Work Programme

Purpose of the report

1. To provide an introduction to representatives from a number of organisations who have been invited by the Select Committee to discuss what they consider to be the main issues in the current provision of drugs education.

Background

2. On 21 May the Overview and Scrutiny Committee commissioned a review of Drugs Education in Schools. Further to that, on 9 July, the Drugs Education Select Committee received a scene-setting presentation from departmental officers. As part of its evidence gathering the Select Committee received information on the DARE (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) programme from Mr Dave Gilbert, Chief Executive of DARE, and from young people who have graduated from the programme. As part of its evidence gathering process Members have requested information from individuals and organisations involved in the provision drugs education.

Representatives attending the meeting

3. An introduction to each representative, the remit of their organisation and information about their role is attached in appendix 1.
 - **Anne Trout – PSHE (Personal Health and Social Education) Consultant, Notts County Council**
 - **John Morris – School Adviser (Secondary) Notts County Council**
 - **Leah Sareen - Children and Young Persons Substance Misuse Officer. Notts County Council**
 - **Dave Gilbert, DARE**
 - **Sarah King, Development Manager, Life Education Centres**
 - **James Upton, Team Leader, Face It**

- **Denis McCarthy, Operations Manager (County SE Area), Connexions Nottinghamshire**
- **Suanne Lim, Development Manager, Nottinghamshire Youth Offending Service**
- **Nicola Crisp, Manager, What About Me? (WAM)**
- **Dr Max Biddulph – Initial Teacher Training, Nottingham Trent University**
- **Phil Kirkland – PSHCE (Personal, Social, Health and Citizenship Education) Consultant and Healthy Schools' Co-ordinator. Notts County Council**
- **Claire Baker (nee Bowler) - Young People's Commissioning and Planning Manager, Nottinghamshire County Drug and Alcohol Team**

Wesley McDonald, from Nottinghamshire Police Community Youth and Race Relations is unable to attend the Select Committee. He has sent some information about his role; this is included in appendix 1.

Recommendations

4. It is recommended that the Drugs Education Select Committee -
 - Considers and asks questions on issues arising from the discussion.
 - Agree any issues around the future work programme

Councillor Edward Llewellyn-Jones
Chair of the Drug Education Select Committee

Background papers: Appendix 1