

**What
Really
Matters?**

Budget Option

Reducing Substance Misuse

Savings

2014/2015	2015/2016	2016/2017	TOTAL
£000s	£000s	£000s	£000s
60	0	0	60

Option summary

This area currently has a partnership budget of £650,000.

The council pays other providers to deliver some of this service on its behalf. A budget saving of £60,000 could be achieved by reducing the level of service the council buys in around preventing and treating substance misuse.

Potential impact

The impact would be a reduction in preventative and specialist treatments. This may impact on other related strategies and programmes such as risk taking behaviour, teenage pregnancy, anti-social behaviour and family support.

It may also mean a reduction in substance misuse education and diversionary activities.

The services provided by Response (part of the Council's Universal Youth Support Service) are targeted at specific groups of vulnerable young people. Services may need to be reduced.

A positive issue will be improved prioritisation for targeted and specialist services and the outcomes of the drug and alcohol programme will mean specific targeting of children and young people.

Reducing the impact

By reducing the contract values by small percentages across the whole programme this will help maintain the priority service areas and allow us to focus delivery to areas of most need.

This would create an opportunity for Substance Misuse Services to be reviewed to ensure we have a services provide value for money, avoid duplication with other areas and maximise efficient use of resources.

Support, expertise and funding in this area would continue to be provided from colleagues in Public Health.