

What to do next!

Score	Action
0 - 30	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provide universal support e.g. drug education, information and advice including website addresses• Signpost to generic support services in Newcastle and give information about D’N’A• Engage the Young Person in structured support within the organisation
30 +	<p>Facilitate a referral for the Young Person to D’N’A Services for Young People</p> <p>Things to consider:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Young Person should be given information on D’N’A – its services, philosophy and policies etc.• The Young Person should be fully involved in the referral and give their consent.• It is good practice to involve parents in discussions about a referral to any specialist service.• Young People and families can self-refer to the D’N’A Services if they prefer.• Referrals should be made using the D’N’A Services form.• The completed profile should accompany the referral to D’N’A Services.

DRUG USE PROFILE...

The term “drug use” refers to all drugs including alcohol, volatile substances, prescription drugs, over the counter medicines as well as illegal drugs.

Guidance

If you have concerns about a young person’s needs in relation to their use of drugs or alcohol, complete this form with the young person’s agreement. It may help to determine the sort of intervention needed and could be of use to D’N’A Services for Young People, if you make a referral.

The scoring tool will help to identify the level of support appropriate for the young person.

If there is information missing from the form you can still make a referral. Any referral should be made with the knowledge and cooperation of the young person.

If you are concerned a child is in danger or there are child protection issues, refer to your Child Protection Policy.

If a young person tells you that they are pregnant you must make sure that someone else has been informed of the pregnancy. If the young person has not told anyone of the pregnancy refer them to the School Health Advisor or a young person’s sexual health clinic, such as the Graingerville Clinic 0191 219 5239.

If you make a referral to D’N’A Services for Young People, please photocopy and send/fax the completed form along with the referral form. You will be contacted when the form is received.

For further information on how to refer, please contact dna on (0191) 260-6500 or dna@newcastle.gov.uk



Young person;

First name _____ Surname _____

Date of Birth ____ / ____ / ____

Name of person completing the form;

First name _____ Surname _____

Date of contact ____ / ____ / ____

Confidentiality explained Y N *(Tick as appropriate)*

Information sharing explained Y N *(Tick as appropriate)*

Photocopy this completed form & fax to (0191) 260-6523

	Age (score one only)	Notes
2	Over 16	
4	Over 12, under 16	
8	Over 10, under 12	
10	Under 10	
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	Circumstances (score one only)	
0	Lives at home with at least one parent/carer	
4	Concerns or issues at home	
6	Left family home (living with relatives/friends)	
8	Living in care, hostel, homeless accommodation	
10	Chaotic lifestyle, living rough, in custody	
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	Behaviour (score all that apply)	
0	Attends school/behaves well in / out school	
2	Occasional truancy	
4	Poor attendance, poor behaviour (aggression/violence)	
6	Suspected criminal activity / sex working	
10	Known criminal activity / sex working	

	Physical / Emotional Health (score all that apply)	Notes
0	No concerns about emotional and physical health	
4	Erratic behaviour, mood swings, withdrawn	
4	Signs of poor physical health	
8	Persistent low mood / self harm	
10	Suicidal thoughts	
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	Patterns of alcohol use (score one only)	<i>1 single measure (25ml) of Spirit = 1 unit 1 small glass (120ml) of Wine = 1 unit 1 can (500ml) of Beer/Cider = 2 units 1 bottle (400ml) 'Alcopop' = 2 units 1 bottle (1 ltr) of 'Lambini/Bella' = 7 units 1 bottle (3 ltr) of White Cider = 22.5 units</i>
0	No use	
2	Uses alcohol occasionally	
4	Uses alcohol most weeks, less than 14 units	
6	Uses alcohol most days, more than 2 units per day	
8	Drinks more than 8 units in one session	
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	Patterns of drug use (score one only)	
0	No use	
4	Tried drugs once or twice	
6	Uses drugs once or twice a month	
8	Uses drugs most weeks	
10	Uses drugs every day	
10	Injecting drug use	
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	Drugs used (score all that apply)	
1	Tobacco	
2	Amphetamines	
2	Cannabis	
4	Cocaine	
4	Crack	
4	Ecstasy	
4	Heroin	
4	LSD	
4	Magic mushrooms	
4	Solvents	
4	Alcohol	
2	Any other illicit drug (score 2 for each)	
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= Total Score		

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