Welcome!



We want people to participate but please use the 'raise hand' facility to ask questions and contribute when others are talking.

Please be considerate to others - together we want to create a safe, open and reflective space to learn.

You can turn on live captions on by clicking on the 3 dots at the top of your screen if you need this.

The link to the feedback form will be put in the chat.

Please do take the time to complete it after the session.

Thank you!



Impact of SM use on CYP THE MATTHEW PROJECT



Young people



Many young people will experiment with drugs and alcohol – this is not unusual



Some young people will 'grow out' of their drug use



Drug use can take over peoples lives and cause immense problems



Some young people may use drugs recreationally for a relatively short time



When a young person makes these decisions, they are also thinking about their friends and the culture they are in.



Spectrum of Psychoactive Substance Use

Casual/Non-problematic Use

 recreational, casual or other use that has negligible health or social effects

Chronic Dependence

 Use that has become habitual and compulsive despite negative health and social effects

Beneficial Use

- use that has positive health, spiritual or social impact:
- e.g. medical pharmaceuticals; coffee/tea to increase alertness; moderate consumption of red wine; sacramental use of ayahuasca or peyote

Problematic Use

- use that begins to have negative consequences for individual, friends/family, or society
- e.g. impaired driving; binge consumption; harmful routes of administration



Why Do Young People Use?



Why do young people use substances?





Peer pressure, connection, boredom, excitement, enjoyment, coercion.







To take risks, curiosity, to rebel, ease social anxiety, to relax, to forget

Financial advantages, community/upbringing/social norms.





Medical reasons i.e. pain relief but also px dependency to avoid withdrawals.

To self-medicate, to forget trauma, to relax, to manage stress, manage anxiety, low mood, psychosis, "to feel".





Media and mixed messages, Nitrous Ox, US, Music, Alcohol

Who defines it as problematic? The Young Person or people around them





•65% identified as having anxiety/low mood/depression

•40% expressed having are self-harming or suicidal thoughts.

•35% were neurodiverse with ADHD and ASD being the most common diagnoses.





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Neurodiversity can intersect with problematic substance use. People who
are neurodiverse seek self-medication with drugs and alcohol use and/or
use them to 'mask' their behaviour when amongst neurotypical people.

• Some young people with ADHD experiment with substances. They are also at a greater risk at developing problematic substance use.

• Impulsivity, poor judgment and school troubles that can go along with ADHD may increase the risk for initiating substance use

 However, just because a young person has ADHD does not mean they will have alcohol or drug issues. The key is to be aware of the link between the two.

Vulnerable Groups?



Vulnerable Groups

Excluded from school, or who truant on a regular basis

Involved with safeguarding agencies

Has a learning disability or developmental disorder (e.g. ADHD) or any other mental disorder School

Looked after

Involved with the youth justice system



Vulnerable Groups

Involved in an accident or who repeatedly presents with a minor injury

When their behaviour raises concerns about risk

Being Homeless

Involved in anti-social behaviours or crime

Under the influence of a substance at school or other settings





Where do YP get drugs?

Where do YP get drugs



- Internet or dark web
- Buy from street, Illicit or prescription meds.
- Friends/partners.
- Own prescription i.e. Methylphenidate, Gabapentin, Subutex, Benzodiazepines. Not using as prescribed
- Family are Substance users, prescribed or buy to avoid criminality of child.
- Alcohol brought by third party.
- Internet trends
- Lighter fluid

Protective factors





Non-using friends

Supportive family

Clear goals & aspirations Views drugs as 'not for me'

Attending school regularly

Extra curricular activities

Able to communicate own feelings

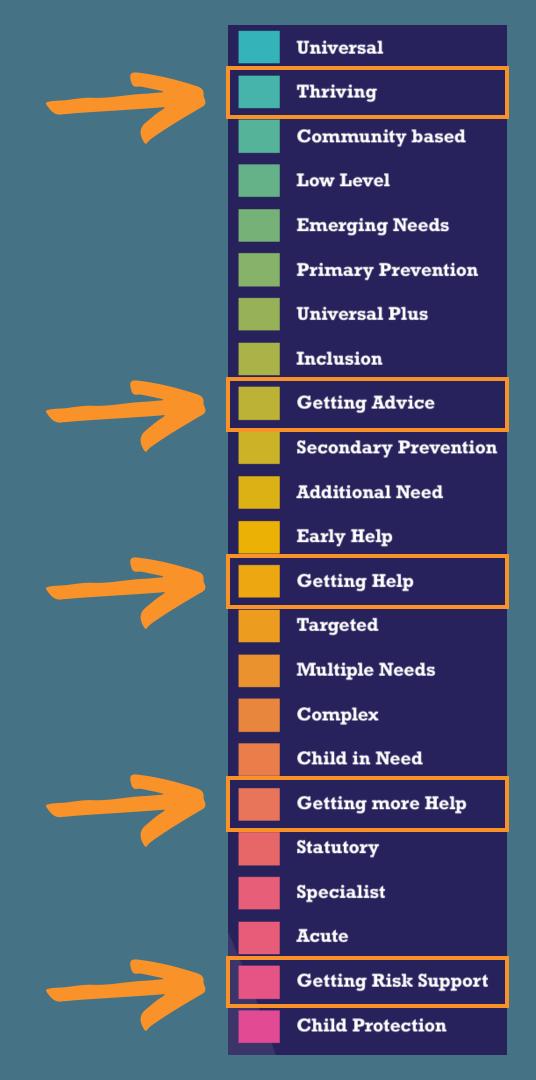
Importance of Working Together



- Bring together expertise
- Coordinated working together is essential for better outcomes
- Early identification
- Joint care planning and risk assessing/taking
- Abstinence may not always be possible. Harm minimisation
- Flexibility and consideration to the needs of client group (change phones, unreliable carers, no internet access, poor education)
- Optimism and compassion, hope and persistence
- Progress can be slow
- Offering health education (strengths based), assessing motivation and harm minimisation.
- Working with families and significant others



Continuum of Needs





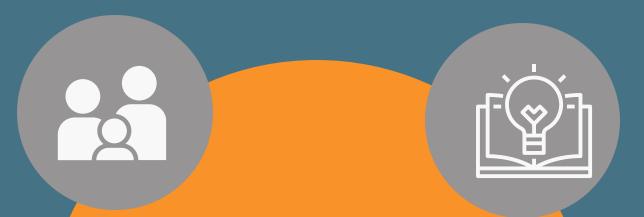
While it is not always the case, substance misuse can have a negative affect on an individual's ability to parent effectively, therefore impacting young people



Family, social relationships & identity.

Unsafe environment, toxic substances in the home.

Poverty, deprivation & inadequate accommodation.



Education and cognitive ability.







Physical & emotional abuse or neglect.

Continued.... Poor Outcomes





More likely to experience difficulties at school



Anti-Social Behaviour



Develop substance misuse problems themselves

Flourishing



Confidence and Self-esteem

Engaging in Education

Positive Family Relationships



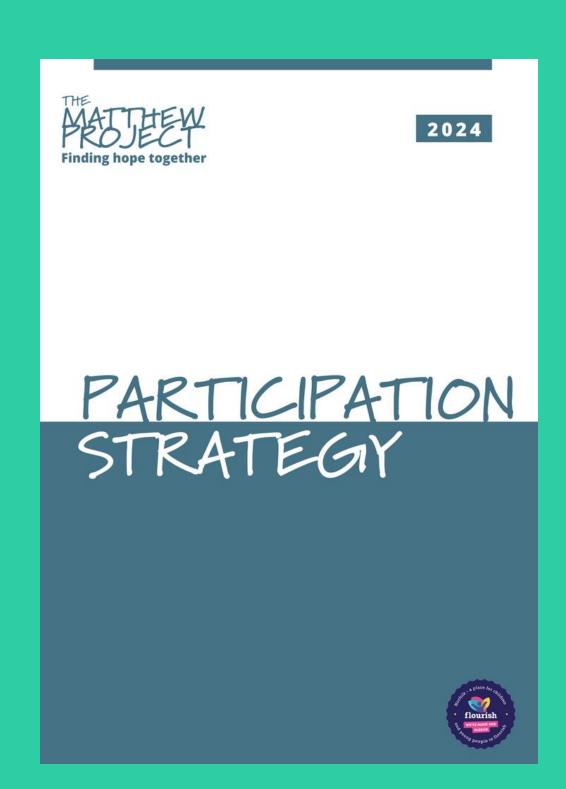


Opportunities for CYP to Flourish



Participation

- Young people's voice central to service design, delivery, evaluation and development.
- Advisory Groups
- Midpoint and end of service survey
- Snapshot survey
- Norfolk Participation Network young people involved in making county wide decisions.
- One to one feedback with a staff member
- Work experience for young people outside of our service (ages 16 - 18)
- Young people panel for interviews



Aimed at young people

Award Winners

We have aligned our work to Flourish and have made the following Pledge

"The Matthew Project pledges to continue helping children and young people flourish. For our pledge this year we will create and develop opportunities for young people in our service to have a direct link to our Board of Trustees.

This will enable our service users to influence and help shape what we do through co-design and production. This gives young people a voice, enabling them to develop their knowledge and skills which will benefit them throughout their lives."

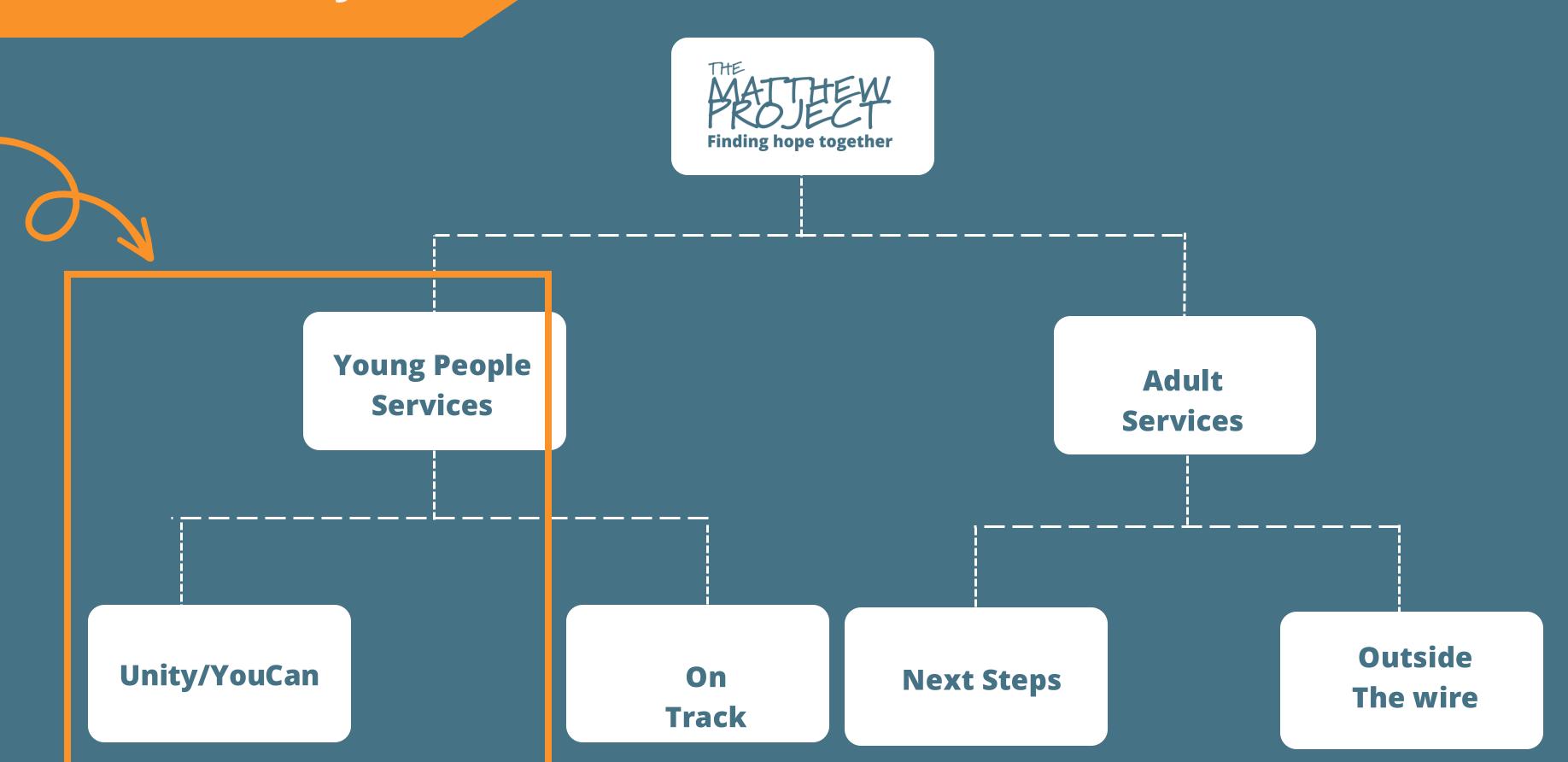
Safe & Secure Flourish Award 2023 Winner





Drug and alcohol support for young people in Norfolk

Our Charity





REFERRAL CRITERIA

- Aged under 19 and lives in Norfolk
- Wants to reduce their own drug/alcohol use or affected by a family members use.
- Parent/carer consent for under 13 years
- Consent from the young person

YP SM Screening Tool



Other questions to consider



Do other people around you think it is a problem?

Has your use of substances stopped you doing something you wanted to do?

And / or very open questions, "tell me about your substance use". "How would you describe your use of substances"

Do you find it difficult to stop using?

Other perspectives: If your friend / parent were here what might they say?

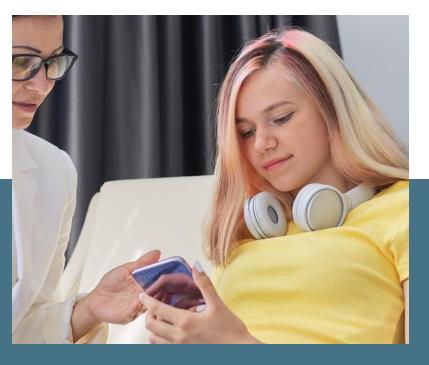
UNITY/YouCan TEAM AT THE MATTHEW PROJECT

DRUG AND ALCOHOL SUPPORT FOR YOUNG PEOPLE UNDER 19 IN NORFOLK



Substance Misuse and YouCan

Struggling with drug/alcohol use that either they are using or have a family member who is using.



1-2-1 with a worker

Providing regular support, information, and safety advice.



Location

Meeting face to face where the child or young person feels safe and comfortable.

Contact

Being flexible with how we contact a child or young person. This can be via phone calls, text or emails.



SUBSTANCE MISUSE

DRUG AND ALCOHOL SUPPORT FOR YOUNG PEOPLE WITH ISSUES AROUND SUBSTANCE MISUSE









Motivational techniques to facilitate reduction or abstinence.

Education around substances and their impact

Harm reduction techniques & Relapse Prevention

Sexual health advice, C-Card services & BBV + Hep B Screening

SUBSTANCE MISUSE REFERRAL FORM



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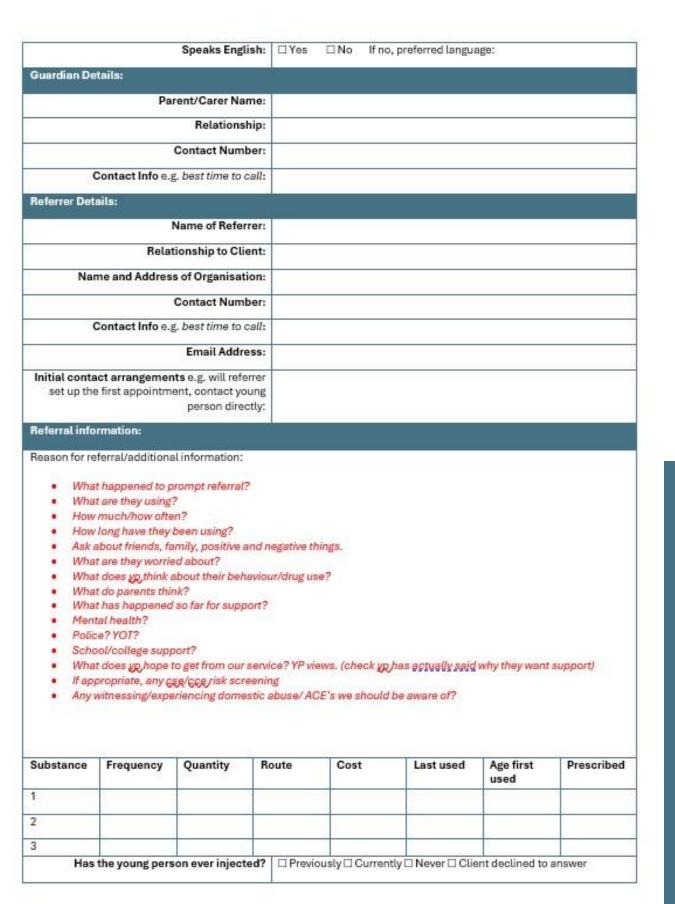
Drug/Alcohol Use Third Party Referral form

You can view our GDPR statement and confidentiality here - Privacy & Safety Info

Please email unity@matthewproject.co.uk with the completed form or with any questions you may have.

Part 1: Information we need

Referral Date:	
Does the young person consent to the referral?	☐Yes ☐ No - if no, consent must be sought before we can accept the referral.
If the young person is under 13, parental consent is required. Does the parent/carer consent to the referral?	☐ Yes ☐ No. If no, consent must be sought before we can accept the referral. If not, why?
If the young person is over 19, please give details about learning disability or vulnerability:	
foung Person Details:	
Full Name:	
What would the young person like to be called?	
Preferred Pronouns:	☐ She/Her ☐ He/Him ☐ They/Them ☐ She/Them ☐ He/Them ☐ Other, please specify:
Date of Birth:	
Contact Number:	
Is this contact number for the young person or a parent/guardian?	
How would the young person like to be contacted? E.g. phone, text, email, or via parents/carers	
Email Address:	
Address:	
Postcode:	
Does the young person have any access requirements? Physical (wheelchair access), mentally (anxiety), or culturally	
Young Carer:	□Yes □ No
Nationality: E.g. British, Portuguese	





SUBSTANCE MISUSE REFERRAL FORM MODELLY UNITY

Has the young person injected in the last 30 days?	□Yes □No
Any potential risks or concerns?	Also any risks to worker doing home visit, is it recommended or are there other people there who aren't safe? Any pets? (allergies, dog bites etc.)
Multi-Agency:	
Is the family receiving any statutory interventions?	☐ Section 17 - Child in Need ☐ Section 47 - Child Protection ☐ LAC ☐ FSP ☐ Other Children Services Involvement ☐ No ☐ Not known
Lead Professional/Social Worker:	
Are there any other services involved with the family? E.g. young carers	Young Carers, education, Early help etc
Which education provision is the child/young person attending?	
How did you hear about us?	☐ Our Website ☐ Another organisation website ☐ Internet search ☐ Social Media ☐ Event ☐ A friend told you about us ☐ A professional told you about us (e.g. teacher, social worker) ☐ Poster/Leaflet ☐ Other, please give details:
Young Person's GP details:	
GP Surgery:	
Phone number:	
Address:	

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Targeted Groups

Additionally, for targeted groups of young people who have increased vulnerability to substance misuse we can provide structured and unstructured educational sessions

Tailored to the needs of each group.

Sessions can be delivered at a venue of your choice, including education establishments, youth groups and online, the length of these session can be negotiated based on the needs of each individual group.

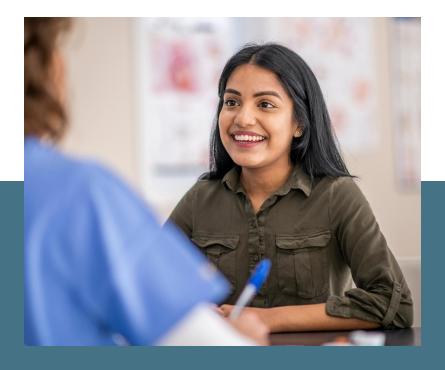


YouCan

SUPPORT FOR YOUNG PEOPLE AFFECTED BY A FAMILY MEMBERS SUBSTANCE MISUSE









Tailored 1-2-1
support with a
worker to meet
their needs

Access to positive/skills activities to build confidence and self-esteem

Offer a space to talk and aid understanding of their experiences

Working closely with other agencies to build support

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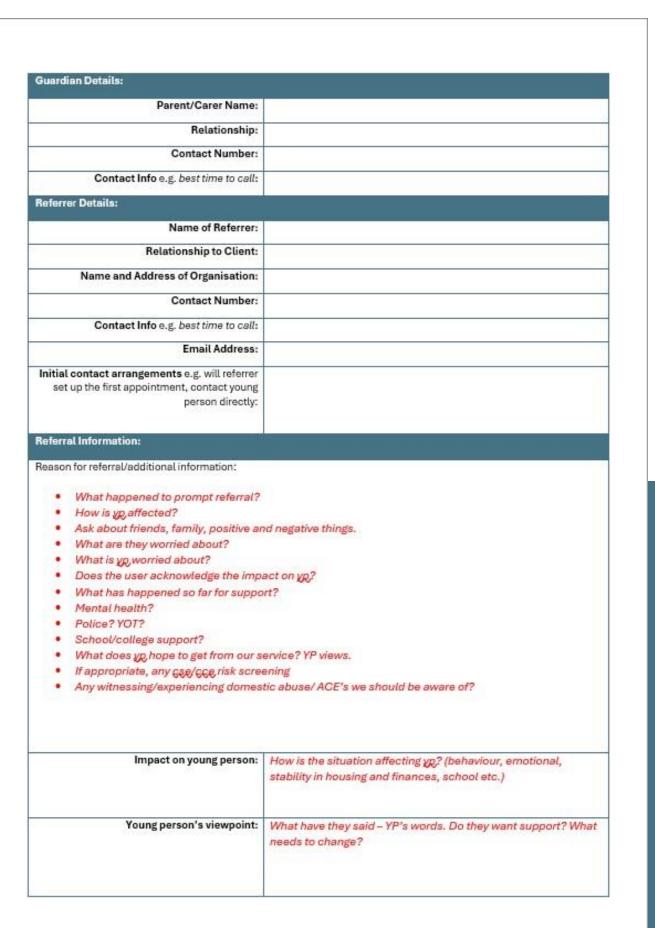
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Speaks English:	☐ Yes ☐ No If no, preferred language:





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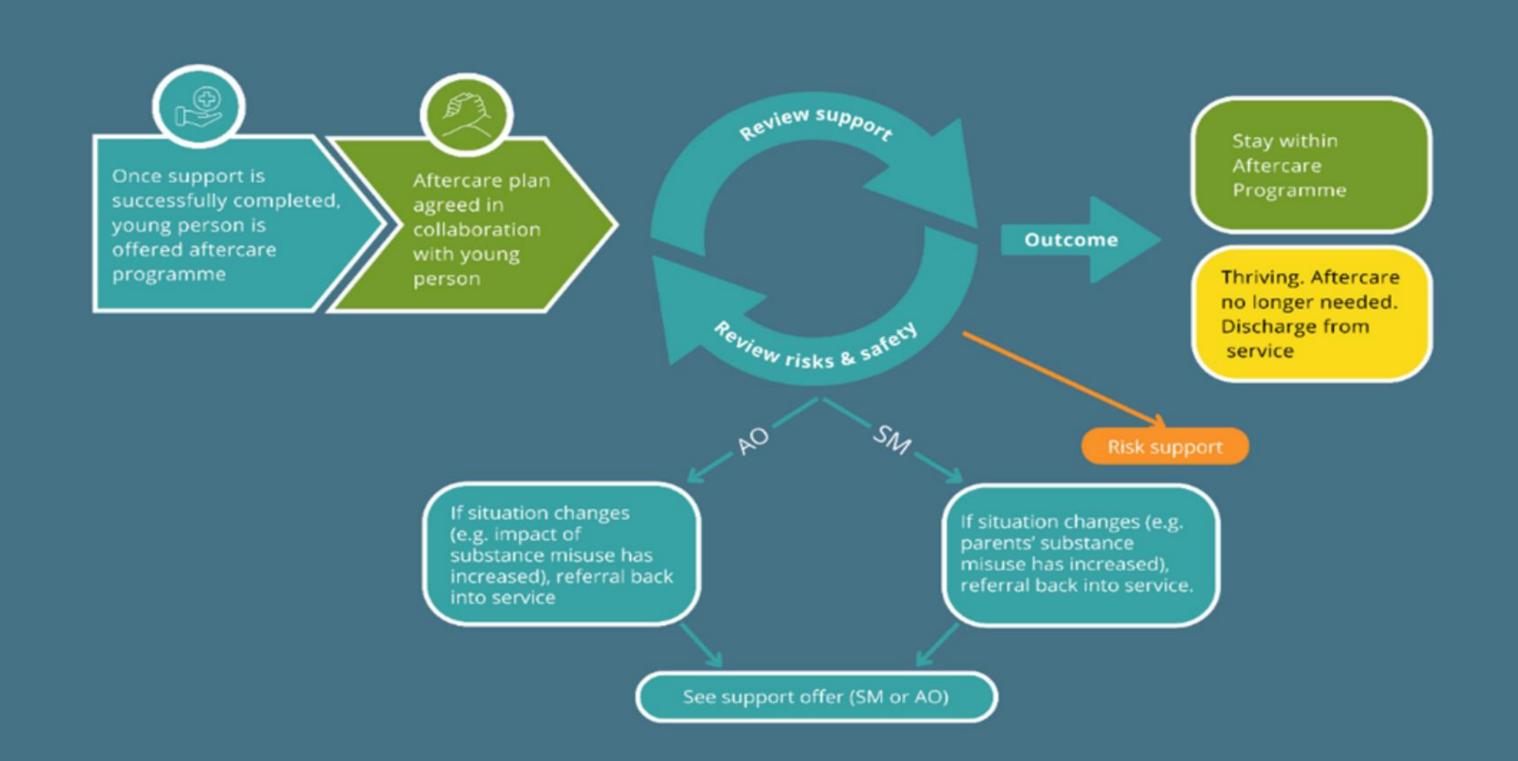
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Who is the user?	☐ Parent ☐ <u>Step Parent</u> ☐ Sibling ☐ Other:	
Gender of the user:	☐ Female ☐ Male ☐ Gender non-conforming ☐ Non-binary ☐ Transgender Female ☐ Transgender Male ☐ Other Gender, please specify: ☐ Prefer not to say	
Is the user living with family?	□Yes □ No	
Is the user aware of the referral?	□Yes □ No	
Substance Type 1:	□ Current □ Historical	
Substance Type 2:	□ Current □ Historical	
Substance Type 3:	□ Current □ Historical	
Other information about substance use:		
Is the user currently receiving support for their substance use?	☐ Yes, please give details: ☐ No	
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Part 2: Equality, Equity, and Diversity Questions

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Both Services - Aftercare



Unity

Our priority is to prevent relapse and will form the main element of the aftercare program. This will include:

- Triggers
- Support networks
- Healthy coping strategies
- Substance risk update where appropriate (eg Nitazines)

Where appropriate, be involved in participation. The aftercare program will also enable us to see if there has been changes in their substance use and whether a re-referral is needed into specialist support.

YouCan

Our priority is to sustain resilience they have built during structured support.

- Coping skills
- Stress management,
- Safety Plans
- Problem solving
- Access to other support services
- Community groups.

CYP will have continued access to the skills program and any other future groups, including advisory groups/participation. CYP will also have the opportunity to be part of the peer-to-peer support. With the YouCan aftercare support we will establish is there has been any changes in their care givers SM and whether the CYP needs a referral into getting more help.

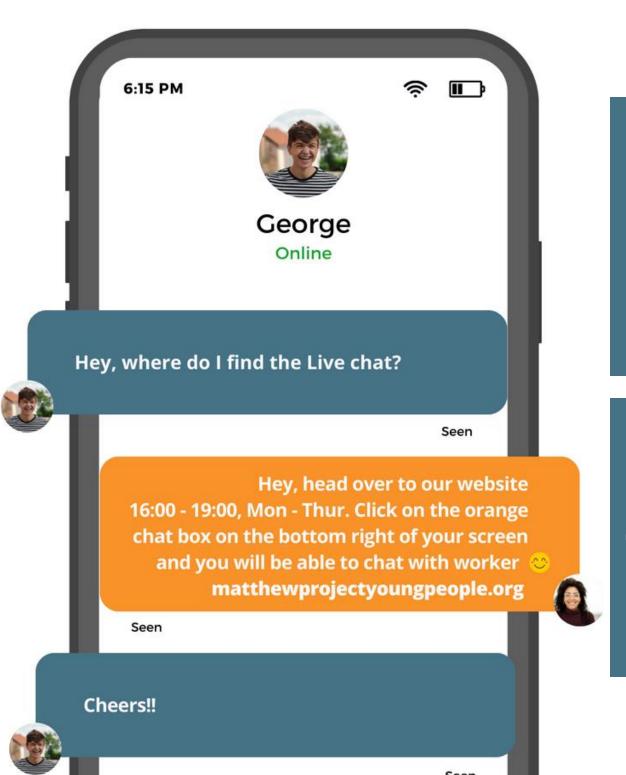




SEND QUESTIONS ANONYMOUSLY VIA DEVICES INCLUDING A MOBILE PHONE, TABLET OR LAPTOP, TO AN EXPERT WHO WILL PROVIDE IMMEDIATE HELP AND ADVICE.



For 13 yrs or older only.







PROFESSIONALS

- A collaborative approach working closely with other organisations supporting the young person.
- Drug and alcohol Training, awareness sessions and seminars.
- Advice, guidance and information to professionals where there is a concern regarding a CYP.
- Access to screening Tool.





Contact Us



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Thank You!





Please let us know what you think





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