

**Norfolk Safeguarding Children Board (NSCB)
Protocol 10 - The principles of working together
to provide services for children, young people
and parents where substance misuse is a
potential or actual concern**

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Why do we need a protocol?

To safeguard and promote the welfare of children and young people in circumstances:

- where a parent or carer has substance misuse problems which may impact on a child or young person, or
- where a child or young person is involved in problematic substance misuse

by promoting partnership working, inter-agency collaboration and providing a framework for identification, assessment and care planning.

Key resources to support the protocol

- The Matthew Project Under18
- SID - Screening and Information on Drugs
- CAF – Common Assessment Framework
- Joint Policy and Protocol for Enabling Parents with Disabilities or Long Term Illnesses
- N-DAP Training
- NSCB Training
- Children's Services Training

Support and Information on Drugs (SID)

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A tool to help establish:

- how much a young person knows about drugs and/or alcohol
- whether a young person misuses any substances (drugs and/or alcohol)
- what types of drugs and/or alcohol a young person uses
- patterns of any substance misuse
- whether a young person is in immediate danger
- impact of any substance misuse
- how ready a young person is to change
- what a young person wants to happen next

Common Assessment Framework (CAF)

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- A pre-assessment checklist that practitioners may use to help decide who would benefit from a common assessment
- A common process to enable practitioners to undertake a common assessment and act on the result
- A standard form to help practitioners record and, where appropriate, share assessments, plans and recommendations for support

Joint Policy and Protocol for Enabling Parents with Disabilities or Long Term Illnesses

- A local protocol aimed at supporting disabled parents in their parenting role.
- Based on the social model of disability
- Aims to ensure that disabled parents and their children have:
 - their health and social care needs properly considered (assessed)
 - Access to co-ordinated services which are focussed on meeting those needs effectively

Training

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- NSCB Substance Misuse Within The Family
- N-DAP Young People's Drugs and Alcohol
What should I do?
- Norfolk Children's Services CAF Training:
 - Information Sharing and the CAF
 - Lead Professional and Multi-Agency Working
 - Introduction to Assessment Skills
 - ISA/CAF Refresher Training

Who is expected to comply with the protocol?

- Partner agencies of Norfolk Safeguarding Children Board and Norfolk Drug and Alcohol Partnership including:
 - Childrens Services
 - Adult Social Services
 - Norfolk Constabulary
 - Norfolk Probation Service
 - Norfolk Primary Care and Mental Health Trusts
 - CAFCASS
 - Connexions
 - District Councils
 - NSPCC
 - MAPPA
 - Voluntary sector agencies
 - Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnerships (CDRPs)
 - HM Prisons, Norwich and Wayland
 - Local Strategic Partnerships (LSPs)
 - Substance Misuse agencies

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Any Questions?

Discussion Points

- Will implementation of the revised protocol 10 require any changes within your organisation?
- What will be the barriers to implementation of the revised protocol 10 within your organisation?
- How will you overcome these?
- What will be the benefits of implementation of the revised protocol to:
 - Your organisation
 - Your organisation's clients
 - Other organisations
 - Norfolk's parents and carers
 - Norfolk's children and young people
- What else is needed to safeguard and promote the welfare of children and young people in circumstances where substance misuse is a concern