

Drug and Alcohol policy for Parents / Carers

In the event that any Parents / Carer displays or discloses a drug or alcohol problem the following procedures would apply.

Any discloser would be treated confidently and handled in a sensitive manner, support and encouragement for assistance would be offered, telephone numbers for helplines and relevant outside professional agencies would be offered.

Guideline would be set regarding collection procedures i.e. reluctance to hand over a child to someone under the influence and the procedure that would follow.

If a parent / Carer arrives to collect a child from the setting and is believed to be under the influence of drugs or alcohol, collection of their child will be refused following referral to senior member of staff.

The senior member of staff in charge will relay there concerns to parents / carer and suggest calling another contact on the registration form to collect the child.

If the senior member of staff feels any child will be in danger or the parent / carer is incapable of taking responsibility for the child, they are obligated to call the police.

In the event of the police being called it would then be the senior member of staff in charge next action to contact the Emergency Duty Team to arrange collection of the child and follow child protection procedures.

Emergency Duty Team within the Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) will be contacted on Tel: out of normal working hours emergencies:0300 300 8123

Advice and support contact information

FRANK	www.talktofrank.com 03001236600
Change Grow Live	https://www.changegrowlive.org/local-support/find-a-service 03001231110
Heads Together	www.headstogether.org.uk Free text service 85258
Samaritans	Free from any phone 116123 / 03300945717

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