



Innovation Fund for Alcohol Dependent Parents

What is the Swindon Innovation Fund for Alcohol Dependent Parents?

This bid was designed to;

- Improve knowledge, skills and confidence among Early Help Services and other front line staff to use tools and techniques to recognise the signs and symptoms of parental alcohol dependency and conflict in children's behaviour
- Increase the number of Alcohol Dependent Parents (ADPs) accessing treatment services compared with national average
- Increase the number of children of Alcohol Dependent Parents identified in early years and school settings
- Increase the level of school attendance and attainment among children of Alcohol Dependent Parents
- Address the gap in service provision for women experiencing domestic abuse.
- Raise awareness of the negative impact 'functioning alcoholics' can have on their children who feel they can't talk about it to anyone.

The implementation in Swindon of this bid will address the above issues by establishing a multi-agency, family-focussed, trauma-informed virtual team and will include:

- Delivery of a 6-week Parenting Education Programme delivered in schools
- A peer-led programme to support the wider family/carers
- Therapeutic support and mentoring for children affected both in groups and on a 1:1 basis
- A Mental Health outreach intervention for children of alcohol misusing parents
- An intervention aimed at reducing parental conflict
- An intervention aimed at addressing PTSD among women who have experienced DV.

This one minute guide looks at the pathway for children requiring support of alcohol dependant parents.

What is the pathway to access support for children in Swindon?

Professionals in Swindon can access support for children of Alcohol Dependant Parents by completing a RF1 to the Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub and outlining the risk, concerns and needs of the child and family.

The RF1 can be accessed at: RF1

What key themes does the Swindon Innovation Fund for Alcohol Dependant Parents focus on?

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Why do we have the Swindon Innovation Fund for Alcohol Dependant Parents?

Parent's dependent alcohol and drug use can negatively impact on children's physical and emotional wellbeing, their development and their safety.

Working together to safeguard children emphasises the importance of early identification of parents and children affected by drug and alcohol misuse.

What do we have in Swindon and who are the key contacts?

If you are a professional identifying that a child requires help and support as a result of parental alcohol misuse please contact the MASH using the RF1 form: RF1 (https://www.swindoniscb.org.uk/info/3/workers_and_volunteers/10/workers_and_volunteers/8)

You can also contact the Early Help Hub for further information and advice on 01793 466479.