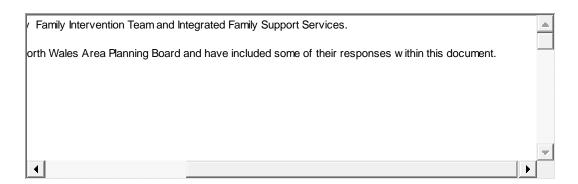
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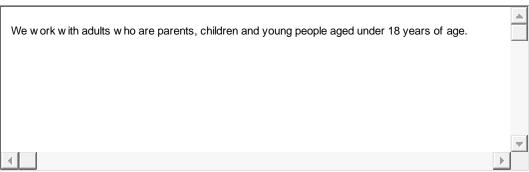
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Consultation Questionnaire:

1. Do you currently work for an organisation which works with people who misuse alcohol or other substances? If so, please state which organisation and whether we should treat your response as being on behalf of that organisation, or as a personal response from you.



2. Which client group(s) do you work with? (For example, under 18s, older persons, homeless, or female only)



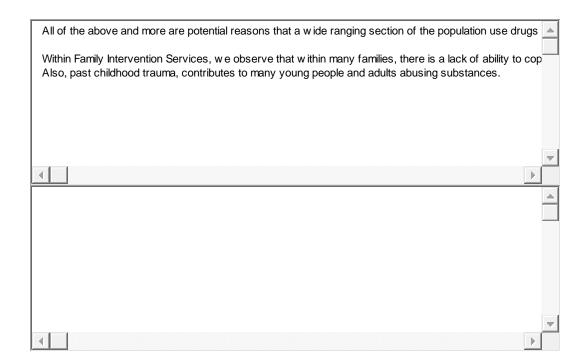
3. What are the main reasons why your clients take drugs or drink excessively? Please tick all that apply.

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rea	you work with more than one client group or you feel that there are other asons as to why your clients take drugs or drink excessively, please mment in the box below. Peer pressure			
~	A way to deal with stress			
	Client(s) already substance reliant			
~	Mental health			
~	Boost confidence			
~	Relieve social anxiety			
in t	Environmental factors (for example - excessive drinking and/or drugs normalised the home/community)			
~	Relationship problems			
~	Financial concerns			
~	Self-medication			
~	Escapism			

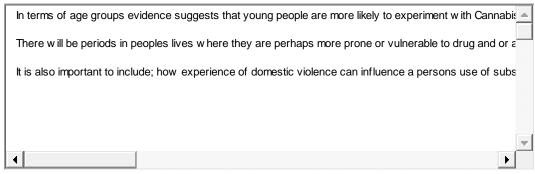
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Other (please comment)

4. Are there certain groups of people who are more likely to be affected by drugs and excessive drinking? If so, which groups might they be?



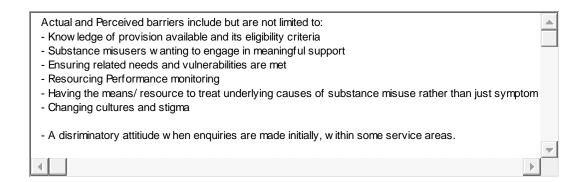
5. Does a particular stage of your clients' lives influence their likelihood of taking drugs or drinking excessively? If so, what stage might that be? (i.e. age, relationship breakdown, unemployment etc.)



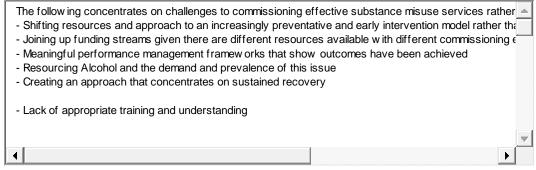
6. What barriers exist for your client(s) when trying to access support and services?

Actual and Perceived barriers include but are not li	mited to:	_	
-Recognition that they in fact are experiencing a problem with drug and alcohol use			
-Stigma			
-Hierarchy of drug and alcohol users- some alcohol users may identify themselves as completely differ			
-Misconceptions that accessing services could lead to children being put into care etc			
-Opening times of services			
-Concerns re: formal records being made about there substance use			
-Fears re: losing their employment, impact on families etc etc			
-Others know ing about there drug and alcohol use as can often be a hidden and private issue			
-Geography/ Rurality ▼			
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7. What barriers exist for services when trying to access support for client(s)?



8. What do you consider to be barriers for staff and frontline services in working with your client group(s), or substance misuse generally



9. Where do you think efforts should be targeted to address the issue of alcohol and substance misuse in Wales?

ervice user involvement at all levels of drug and alcohol treatment	_
lcohol requires increased focus	
here needs to be more of a shift tow ards preventative and early intervention approaches, how ever, this v	
is a result of the above more focus upon children and young people to prevent them becoming problematic increasing evidence base for interventions and understanding better the scale of the issue, given that its lain suring drug and alcohol issues are dealt with effectively within criminal justice systeme.g. ensuring opport opproaches that consider the needs of the whole family due to impact of significant others substance misuncreased concentration on services working together to provide seamless range of provision increasingly looking to measure impact of interventions and better performance management and outcome in insuring effectively tackling substance misuse is recognised as everyone's responsibility	
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10. In which local authority area do you work? If you work outside of Wales, please select "Outside Wales"



11. If you would like to be kept updated about the progress of the Committee's inquiry into alcohol and substance misuse in Wales, please leave your name and e-mail address below.