

CHILDREN AFFECTED BY PARENTAL
SUBSTANCE USE ARE AMONG THE
MOST VULNERABLE IN SOCIETY



The IPSU assessment aims to aid understanding of the impacts of parental substance use and respond with timely and appropriate interventions to support children and their families at an early stage.



Action should be taken not only if the child is seen to be at risk of serious harm, but across the whole Spectrum of need experienced by children affected by parental substance use.

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**ALL CHILDREN
NEED
PROTECTED**



It is everyone's job to make sure that children and young people are alright.

Lets work together to make this happen.

Parent/Carer information leaflet on the Impact of
Parental Substance Use assessment



The impact of parental substance use on children is complex and challenging to identify and respond to, and each child in a family may be impacted differently. A range of services will be required to work together to develop coordinated responses and support for whole families.

Often families experience several interrelated issues, including domestic abuse and mental health issues, alongside histories of abuse and other traumas, and for some families, these issues may also be intergenerational. Any assessment must keep in mind the relationships between these issues and how they change over time, including where parents are in recovery from substance use.



INTERVENTION TODAY COULD HELP YOU AND YOUR FAMILY TOMORROW

Assessment such as IPSU can support practitioners in identifying and responding to the range of strengths, protective factors, adversities, and risks that may be missing.

The wellbeing and protection of children is paramount for all professionals, It is therefore the responsibility of all adult focussed substance use services and all partner agencies to be aware of the children of alcohol or drug using parents and to identify potential or obvious concerns relating to the child's welfare or protection.

Focus should be on daily lives and the care of children and how substance use and related issues affects their well-being and development.

YOU'RE NOT ALONE

"I thought I was using on my own, but really my kids were affected too"

"I thought it was all about me but my kids have been affected too"

"It wasn't really hidden from them, was it? They knew I was using and they just ignored it"

"It's scary talking about my kids, I don't want them taken away"

WE ARE HERE FOR YOU ALL