



Drugs

What is a drug?

A medicine or other substance which has a physiological effect when ingested or otherwise introduced into the body

- Alcohol
- Tobacco – including shisha pens
- Cannabis
- Legal highs
- Cocaine



What to look out for

- Slurred speech
- Changes to eyes/pupils
- Smell
- Acting in a strange way
- Paranoia
- Impaired coordination
- Discussions within peer groups, including talking about parents

Not a full list and some of the above can be attributed to other factors,
If in doubt consult the DSL or alternates.

What to do if you are concerned

- Let a DSL/Alternate know straight away – not by email!
- Even if you are not sure it is worth mentioning
- We do have the power to search
- Referral to MASH
- Lots of support networks
- Can be connected with other safeguarding issues
- Early intervention is essential