

## Useful Contacts

### Websites *This is not a definitive list*

Department of Health ..... [www.doh.gov.uk](http://www.doh.gov.uk)  
Drugs Essentials ..... [www.bbc.co.uk/radio1/essentials/](http://www.bbc.co.uk/radio1/essentials/)  
Drugscope ..... [www.drugscope.org.uk](http://www.drugscope.org.uk)  
FRANK ..... [www.talktofrank.com](http://www.talktofrank.com)  
Government Drugs Site ..... [www.drugs.gov.uk](http://www.drugs.gov.uk)  
Healthy Schools ..... [www.kenthealthyschools.org](http://www.kenthealthyschools.org)  
Kent Youth & Community ..... [www.kentyouthandcommunity.org](http://www.kentyouthandcommunity.org)  
KID (Kent Initiative on Drugs) ..... [www.drugsuk.org](http://www.drugsuk.org)  
Teachernet ..... [www.teachernet.com](http://www.teachernet.com)  
Transform ..... [www.transform-drugs.org.uk](http://www.transform-drugs.org.uk)

## Schools Drugs Education Advisers

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# Schools Drugs Education Advisers

Pupil Services ~ Joint Commissioning Unit

## KENT IN ACTION

- Kent Channel ports are a major gateway to the UK for illegal substances and some of these imports find their way back to Kent from London.
- Drug prices are falling, making them more affordable and available to young people in Kent.
- National figures also report that 23% of school children aged 14–15 have taken an illegal drug in the last year. Experimentation with these drugs usually starts from age 13–14.
- Research published by KCA, revealed that 85% of 11 to 15 year olds defined themselves as current drinkers. On average they had their first alcoholic drink when they were just under ten years old.
- National statistics report 25–30% of 15 year olds smoke regularly.

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*“working in partnership to build  
safer and stronger communities”*



EDUCATION & LIBRARIES

The number of young people involved with drugs misuse in Kent is increasing and the age at which young people and children are becoming involved is getting younger.

To help address these issues there are three Schools Drugs Education Advisers within KCC Local Education Authority who work across the county.

## Purpose

- To co-ordinate KCC Education & Libraries' approach to drug education initiatives and activities in line with the government's *Tackling Drugs Together to Build a Better Britain* paper, the Kent Strategy *Young People and Drugs in Kent – A Shared Purpose* and KCC's *The Next 4 Years* document.
- To support schools in identifying need, planning and develop support for young people at risk from drug misuse.

Work is also focused on vulnerable and hard-to-reach groups in disadvantaged communities.

## Vision

To achieve equality of opportunity and increase access to quality drug education provision, resources and support for all children and young people, their parents/carers/families and those working to facilitate drug education activities in Kent.

## Role

Schools Drugs Education Advisers offer a free service, available to Kent's schools, youth service, libraries, Pupil Services and any other KCC organisation that has contact with children and young people who may be at risk. Their aim is to provide a comprehensive, consistent, reliable and equitable service which contributes to school improvement.

They work closely with outside agencies, (ie Health, Police, Kent Drug and Alcohol Action Team and other community groups) monitoring and co-ordinating partnership work in schools and on projects or targeted interventions.

A Kent drug education database of service providers, useful information and available material has been developed. This provides guidance for teachers and workers.

## Principal Activities

Core components of the agreed business plan include:

- Mapping and Needs Assessment and auditing
- Development of Quality Standards (schools)
- Development of Quality Standards (all other agencies)
- Co-ordination of Training Opportunities and Support
- Research and Development
- Dissemination and Communication
- Monitoring and Evaluation
- Funding and resourcing
- Training

Ranges of activities are being developed in partnership with other organisations to facilitate, monitor and implement the business plan.

## Please make contact with us

Your visions for future working practices, ideas and suggestions are welcomed and actively being engaged. Whatever the issue or concern about drugs/substances, the Schools Drugs Education Advisers are available to support and help.