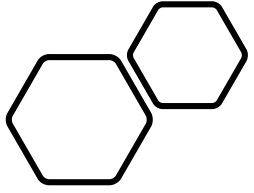




Adopting a Club Substance Use Policy



Club Substance Use Policy should include:



PREVENTION OF
SUBSTANCE USE



EDUCATION REGARDING
SUBSTANCE USE



PLANNED RESPONSES
SHOULD A PROBLEM ARISE

Six Steps



- Form a Working Group
- Review the GAA's draft Substance Use Policy
- Present a draft to the Club Executive
- Circulate the draft
- Finalise, Launch & Implement
- Monitor, Review & Evaluate

1. Form a Working Group

- Establish a Working Group to adopt and implement the GAA's draft Substance Use Policy, this can be found at www.GAA.ie/community
- Consider including the following representatives:
 - Club Executive
 - Mentors
 - Parents/Guardians
 - Young people



2. Review the GAA's draft Substance Use Policy



As a Working Group spend time discussing the Draft Substance Use Policy



Engage local agencies and partners (e.g. Drugs and Alcohol Taskforces (DATFs), Drugs and Alcohol Co-ordination Teams (DACTS), Garda Síochána and PSNI) to assist in this step



3. Present a draft to the Club Executive

- Centre the policy around your Club to ensure it is relevant to the membership and its environs
 - e.g. Does your club have a bar?- if yes, what additional points of discussion does this raise



4. Circulate the draft policy

- Send out copies to EVERYONE
- Invite people to give feedback on the draft policy
- Amend it to include relevant feedback
- Club Executive must ratify the policy and formally adopt its recommendations



5. Finalise, Launch and Implement

- Officially launch of the policy to:
 - Signify its start date
 - Get some positive media coverage
 - Let everyone know of its existence
 - Display it in the club and/or on club website

- It is strongly advised that if a club wishes to run an education/training event, the Club Substance Use Policy should be launched at this event in partnership with Statutory agencies.



6. Monitor, review and evaluate the policy

- ❑ Annually review your clubs Substance Use Policy:
 - ❑ The policy should be reviewed following an incident to see was it effective or if amendments are necessary
 - ❑ Be aware of changes to legislation with regards Substance Use
 - ❑ Evaluate the policy within the club planning and development framework



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