

Purpose of the CDP Prevention group

The purpose of the Combating Drugs Partnership Prevention arm is to provide pan-Dorset leadership and shared accountability across Dorset Council, BCP Council and partner agencies to jointly design, commission and deliver a coordinated, proportionate and evidence-informed prevention offer. Through collective ownership across children's and adults' services, it focuses on equity of outcomes rather than a uniform approach, ensuring gaps are identified, commissioning priorities are clearly fed into the system and investment in prevention is strengthened through partnership working. Supported by three multi-agency working groups with shared leadership, clear objectives and strong data flows, the Prevention arm embeds learning and feedback to continuously improve preventative practice and outcomes for children, young people, families and adults.

- **Children & Families Working Group**

To reduce harm from drugs, alcohol and tobacco/vapes by ensuring children, young people and families receive early, tailored prevention, are protected from exploitation, supported through trauma-informed pathways, and enabled to make safer choices, with their voices shaping practice.

- **Partnerships Working Group**

To bring together local partners to deliver a coordinated, inclusive and trauma-informed prevention offer, building workforce capability and capacity so prevention and education are consistently prioritised across settings and age groups.

- **Data & Measurable Indicators Working Group Purpose**

Directly feeds in and out of the Children and Families and partnerships working groups. To provide shared intelligence, indicators and learning that inform, monitor and strengthen prevention, demonstrating reduced harm, improved outcomes, and impact across children, families and communities.



- **Shared leadership:** Each working group is jointly led by three named leads to share accountability, build resilience and ensure continuity of delivery.
- **Data integration:** The Data working group is embedded across the programme, feeding insight, intelligence and learning directly in and out of both the Children & Families and Partnerships working groups.
- **Focused delivery:** Each working group will agree two to three clear objectives and a prioritised roadmap (now, next, later) to ensure delivery is achievable, outcomes-focused and clearly understood.