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Chair
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Dear Chair

Re: Drug and Alcohol Education Provision in Primary and Secondary Schools

As you may be aware, the Young People's Substance Misuse Joint Commissioning Group (YPSM JCG), currently commissions Rotherham Healthy Schools to facilitate Drug and Alcohol Education in both Primary and Secondary Schools in Rotherham. The commissioned work comprises of the following:

- 'All Geared-Up' productions in primary schools to support the delivery of drug education
- Drug Life story Project in secondary, special schools and PRU's, to support the delivery of drug education
- Training for staff in schools to support the improvement of the teaching of drug education, including INSET support and courses for teaching substance misuse education at KS2, KS3 and KS4
- Support schools to write/update their drug education and drug related incident policies
- Dissemination of resources to schools, including updates on emerging drug issues – including legal highs and volatile substances

It has become clear that the YPSM JCG will no longer be able to commission this service post 31 March 2012, due to a very significant reduction in grant. I am therefore writing to alert you to this fact and to ask the Rotherham Schools Forum to consider continuing this excellently evaluated and valuable work, through each school contributing to the overall service cost of £25,200 per annum.

If you would like to discuss this matter further and/or meet with commissioning colleagues and myself, then please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely



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