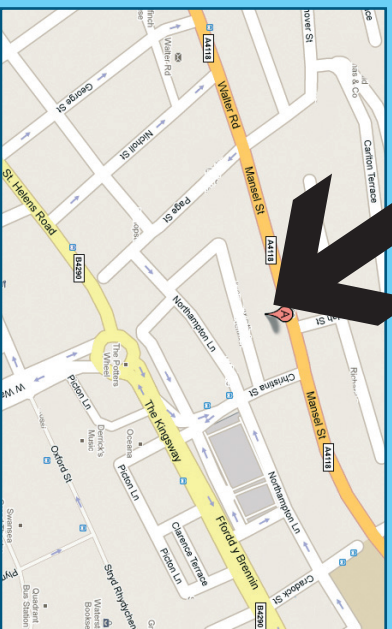


## What Else Can We Offer?

- Consultation service with other relevant professionals and agencies.
- Access/referral to other specialist agencies.
- Schools - we offer input into planned, teacher-led drugs education as well as talks to young people on the place and what we do.
- Training - we provide specialist training, with specialist input relating to working with young people.
- Joint Working - we provide a specialist service to the Swansea Youth Offending Team. We also joint work with many other agencies, including Social Services, Health, Education etc.

## Where to find us:

# the place



## Further Information

**theplace** hopes that you have found this information helpful. If you would like any clarification or further help, including current opening times, please telephone the service on 01792 472002.

## How to make a referral

In writing by GP, YOT, Social Worker, CAMHS, Housing Worker, Youth Worker, or similar, by completing an IMH Common Referral Form (available on request) and send to **theplace**,

We offer appointments following telephone contact if client would benefit from immediate response, but IMH form must be forwarded on. OR

Young people can call at **theplace**, at 27 Mansel Street, Swansea.

Tel: 472002 (please phone for current opening times).

We offer an "open-access" service during opening times, where young people can self-refer without an appointment. They will be seen as quickly as possible.

We aim to offer appointments to all young people as soon as possible. This will usually be within a few days, but should always be within 7 - 10 days from receiving referral.

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Swansea Drugs Project  
Young Person's Service



## Information Leaflet

# What is the place?

Swansea Drugs Project recognises that young people require access to separate services that relate to their circumstances, age, family structure and substance use (drugs, alcohol and/or solvents).

**The place** has been developed by extending the existing Young Person's Service offered by Swansea Drugs Project. It is a separate, young people's substance misuse service that offers free and confidential advice, information, help and support, for anyone aged 18 and under who is concerned about drugs, or if drug use has become a problem.

We aim to make it easy and OK for all young people to talk to us and come here. Although we are part of Swansea Drugs Project, we have our own staff and operate from a separate building, at 27 Mansel Street, Swansea.

We work in accordance with the legal framework (e.g. Children's Act 1989) and the principles of good practice guidelines (e.g. HPS Report 1996, SCODA guidelines etc.). Our work recognises the importance of engaging with young people, to build trusting relationships, to maintain contact and help empower young people to reach achievable, realistic goals (depending on their "stage of change").

We also use evidence based models of working, such as solution focused, motivational interviewing, cognitive behaviour approaches.

## Who is the service for?

Young people aged 18 years and under, who use drugs, alcohol and/or solvents (or are affected by significant other's use), their families / carers and friends.

We specialise in working with people who are experiencing a significant substance misuse problem – or where substance misuse co-exists with other significant problems.

## What is offered?

A comprehensive range of service provision, and work with young people with varying degrees of substance use. This can include basic education, advice and information for experimental and recreational users, to more targeted and specialist education / advice / information, as well as comprehensive assessments and treatment interventions for those young people who misuse substances, including those who are highly vulnerable and high-risk substance misusers.

- A free rapid, flexible, confidential and separate service for young people.
- A confidential telephone help line.
- An assessment of the young person's capacities, competence and development.
- An assessment of the young person's substance use, including alcohol, prescribed drugs and volatile substances.
- An assessment of the context, for example: views of the young person, demographics, social situation, health, any child protection concerns, etc.
- An assessment of the responses required, including: prescribing, individual/family work, support services, multi-agency working.
- There will be agreed care plans and ongoing reviews of those plans.
- Comprehensive needle exchange service.
- Advice and information on safer sex.
- Specialist advice on Hep C and HIV.
- Specialist advice on pregnancy and drug use.

- Homeopathy/acupuncture clinic.
- An assessment of practical support needs including "hands-on" practical help with completing forms, e.g. Employment / Housing Benefits, Community Care Grants, Budgeting loans etc. We can also advocate on the young person's behalf at BAMS Medical interviews, Social Fund Reviews, Housing issues, etc.

## Swansea Young Persons Prescribing Service

This is a Tier 3 service supporting the needs of young people who have an identified opiate or alcohol dependency. It comprises a Prescribing Doctor and a Registered Nurse who undertake the necessary assessments and monitoring and reviews of clients progress through treatment. It operates from a harm reduction philosophy but also actively promotes a move towards abstinence from illicit substances.

Substitute prescribing packages of methadone or buprenorphine are offered to address active opiate dependency and where clients are opiate free but at risk of relapse, Naltrexone prescribing can be considered. Where detoxification is deemed necessary this is done in conjunction with the Community assessment team at the Community Drug and Alcohol Team (CDAT) in Cumburta

The service provides substitute prescribing where deemed appropriate to young persons up to 19 years old in conjunction with The Place. Once clients are 19 years old they are seen at the Community Drug and Alcohol Team as part of the Transition Phase into Adult services where appropriate. Please note that this is NOT a self referral scheme and any clients that are to be presented for substitute prescribing/detoxification needs should be referred to THE PLACE, 27, Mansel Street, Swansea in the first instance."