

**1 September 2016**

**Subject:** Hidden Harm Strategy

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<b>Purpose of bringing this report to the Board</b>	
Decision	
Recommendation to Full Council	
Endorsement	
Information	X

<b>Implications</b>		<b>Applicable Yes/No</b>
DHWB Strategy Areas of Focus	Substance Misuse (Drugs and Alcohol)	Yes
	Mental Health	Yes
	Dementia	
	Obesity	
	Children and Families	Yes
Joint Strategic Needs Assessment		
Finance		
Legal		
Equalities		
Other Implications (please list)		

**How will this contribute to improving health and wellbeing in Doncaster?**

In 2003, The Advisory Council on the Misuse of Drugs (ACMD) produced a report considering the negative consequences of parental drug misuse on children and young people. It highlighted that often the children were unidentified by services and therefore appropriate support was not offered. The report described the adverse consequences for the children as multiple and cumulative in nature, varying according to age, stage of development and the level of protective factors within the wider environment.

By providing the right help at an early stage and by recognising the needs of the whole household we will reduce the need for more intensive intervention at a later stage leading to better outcomes for children and their families.

<b>Recommendations</b>
<p>The Board is asked to:-</p> <p>Provide governance and hold to account those partners integral to the success and implementation of the strategy.</p>