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You can speak to the team as we are working on a Friday or Saturday evening from 8.00pm-11.30pm. We will be on the streets with AFC clothing or ID. You can also call or text us on **07598 521 298** between these times.

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Confidentiality

Service User's information is treated as confidential within the project and will only be shared with the knowledge and permission of the service user except when a child or vulnerable person is at risk.

Equality & Diversity

We respect differences in ethnic origin, gender, religion, sexuality, culture and language both as an employer and service provider.

We will endeavour to communicate in people's first language and will ensure participation of those with disabilities.

Participation

Young people and their families will be included in meetings and reviews about the progress they are making and their views will be sought before any decisions are made.

They will be asked for their views about the service they are receiving.

They will be encouraged to assist in the shaping and developing of the service.

Comments / Complaints

If you have any problems or concerns regarding the service, please speak to a member of staff. Any problems or concerns will be dealt with promptly.



Young Person's Weekend Street Service







Who We Are...



The Weekend Streetwork Service is part of Action for Children's Early Intervention Substance Misuse Service which is based in Stornoway works across the Western Isles with young people aged 8 – 18 who are affected by substance misuse. This service has been set up to provide support to young people using the town centre to socialise and also to offer alternative activities to divert away from risk taking behaviours.

What We Do...

 We provide a weekend service for young people affected by alcohol and substance misuse by having a team of youth workers out and about in Stornoway every Friday and Saturday night. The team are always contactable by mobile and are actively looking for young people who may need our support.

- We give advice and support for young people regarding substances, relationships, peer pressure and sexual health. We promote healthy, safe and responsible behavior in the community.
- We collaborate with other agencies such as Pointers Youth Café. We also inform the local police when we are out in the streets and we provide support to young people where needed when they have been arrested or taken into custody by the police.
- We provide activities for young people to offer them safe alternatives to engaging in risk-taking behavior. We advertise these events locally and aim to hold them once a month.
- We invite a range of young people to open groups and organise specific activities with young people who are struggling to engage in mainstream clubs.
- We provide out of hours support to young people using other services to give them someone to talk to and meet at the weekend. We work alongside Action for Children services including the 'Early Intervention 6 Week Programme', 'Young People's Service' and 'Hillcrest Residential'.

Who We Are For...

Any young person between the ages of 8 – 18 and living in the Western Isles can access this service.

If you would like to speak to someone in confidence about yourself, a friend or family member about concerns regarding smoking, alcohol or drugs then please don't hesitate to get in touch

We are funded by Outer Hebrides Alcohol & Drug Partnership (ADP), Corra Foundation and NHS Western Isles to provide a weekend support service to young people and encourage safer, more positive community involvement.



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