

Student Misuse of Drugs and Alcohol Policy Summary

Please ask your Training Coordinator or another member of staff for the procedure in full

The college is committed to providing a safe space for all its students, employees and visitors.

As a result, the possession, sale or consumption of illegal substances on college property, or during a college event (including residential trips), is not tolerated.

We define an illegal substance as:

- An illegal drug (those controlled by the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971, such as cannabis, MDMA/ecstasy, etc.),
- Those substances known as 'legal highs' (due to a change in the law in 2016 these are now also illegal).

The college also does not tolerate the possession or misuse of alcohol or other substances on college property, or at a college event (including residential trips).

Alcohol may only be consumed by over 18s at a college event when permission is given by the Principal.

Smoking of cigarettes and vapes/e-cigarettes is only permitted within designated smoking areas, which are indicated on campus maps.

If a student is suspected to be under the influence of a substance, a first aider will be called to examine the student. The student's next of kin will normally be called to take them home or to a place of safety. Where a student is putting themselves or others at risk, the emergency services may be called.

Students who are established to have broken this policy by possessing or consuming illegal substances or misusing alcohol or other substances will go through the performance management and disciplinary procedure.