

Our ref: AKE/DSH

Monday 17th April 2023

Dear parents/carers,

I regret to inform you that we have been made aware of some concerning incidents which have occurred in the Bassetlaw area in recent weeks. Several young people, of school age, have been hospitalised due to collapsing after using vapes – in some cases, after only one intake.

It appears that some vapes that are being sold within the community have been 'spiked', or they contain a high concentration of THC (Tetrahydrocannabinol), which is the main psychoactive compound in Cannabis. The Police are conducting forensic analysis of these vapes when they are found and confiscated. It is not our intention to alarm parents, but we do have a duty to pass on this information.

Vapes are not recommended for young people, their long term health impacts, and the effects on child developments are not yet known. It is, of course, illegal to sell e-cigarettes or vapes to anyone under the age of 18.

The police work closely with Neighbourhood Policing Teams and Trading Standards to address any shops, retail outlets or residential premises selling vapes to young people. Please report any anecdotal evidence you may have with regard to this through trading.standards@nottscc.gov.uk.

For young people who want to get advice or support around their use of drugs or alcohol, and for professionals to access specialist advice and support around these issues, please contact the specialist substance misuse service below:

Nottinghamshire Change Grow Live; 0115 8960798 or nottsyadmin@cgl.org.uk

Kind regards,



Mrs D Sheehan
Principal

