

ST2 Risk Indicator Tools

Geographical Area: St Helens

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Brief Overview: The specialist small team are funded by the early intervention grant team and has a total of 4 workers, with a focus on reducing risk and promoting resilience. The risk indicator tool is to help partner agencies and professionals to identify young people “at risk” and enable an appropriate intervention is offered.

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Target Group: Young people aged 13-18 years and particularly looked after children, young people living in Supported housing and young offenders. It is targeted to ensure young people deemed at risk of an unintended conception receive an intervention from the TAZ Outreach Team.

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Outcomes: The borough has seen a downward trend since 2010 in teenage conceptions and also an increase in referrals for 1:1 support.

The tool has increased school staff confidence to identify young people at risk of an unintended conception.

Evaluation: The tool hasn't been formally evaluated but feedback from partners has been positive.

Sustainability: The joint training is delivered 6 times per year to approx 200 professionals and this encourages the risk indicator tool to be embedded into practice.

What made it work? The tool has been embedded as part of the referral form for 1:1 support and professionals have to identify 4 risk factors and outline these risks. This also raises further awareness and understanding among professional groups. The tool is shared as part of the joint training programme to professionals.