



## ***educari*** – the learning organisation

### **Policy Analysis and Policy Development**

***educari*** offers expertise in the area of drug policy analysis and policy development. We are particularly experienced in working with education departments to develop drug policies for schools and other educational establishments (such as youth projects).

- ▶ We worked with staff in the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea in developing a comprehensive drugs policy for both schools and other educational establishments.<sup>1</sup> This policy document was accompanied by a 'policy wizard', a tool we designed for helping schools to apply the information and advice contained in the borough drugs policy to their own situations. Using the policy wizard, schools and other institutions were able to assemble appropriate parts of the policy in a format that could be readily slotted into their own policies. This policy wizard was made available on our website, and a version was distributed with the policy itself on a diskette. A copy of this diskette is enclosed for your information (although please note that this version is not as interactive as the one on the website).
- ▶ We assisted DrugScope in its work on school governor training by writing the training material for their seminars, which focused in particular on policy development.<sup>2</sup>
- ▶ We are currently working with the Education Department in the London Borough of Tower Hamlets, revising and developing their drugs policy in conjunction with relevant staff.
- ▶ Our young people's needs assessment for Camden and Islington DAT included a number of recommendations that had direct relevance to policy issues. In particular, we recommended that generic youth projects needed clear drug policies, and that guidelines on referral were required. One focus of that report was on looked-after children, and we recommended that children's homes needed policies on tobacco and alcohol use by residents *and* staff.
- ▶ Our work on early intervention services for Lambeth, Southwark and Lewisham Health Action Zone identified the need for clear definitions of, *inter alia*, 'at risk' and 'early intervention'.
- ▶ Our evaluation of the HYPE Project in West Berkshire led to a number of recommendations with policy implications for the Education Service, secondary schools, and the Project.
- ▶ In Westminster, we assisted primary schools with their needs assessments and drugs policies.

*Contact: Richard Ives ([richard@educari.com](mailto:richard@educari.com))*

---

<sup>1</sup> *Drug Policy Guidelines* London: Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea 1999

<sup>2</sup> *Let's talk about Effective Drug Education* (Training materials for school governors and senior managers) London: Community Education Development Centre and DrugScope 2000

## References