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Lewis Woodhead interviews Dora Loizou from the I.D Team



What advice could you give to people that may be considering smoking cannabis?

Normally by the time a young person comes to see me they would probably already be using cannabis, however preventative work is delivered throughout the borough in different settings, like youth club and school drop ins. If a young person was considering using cannabis I would look at the reasons why they wants to use it, explore their understanding of cannabis and look at all the possible areas that might affect them using. I would explain the myths and facts about cannabis and look at the short and long term risks. However, if that person had made up their mind about using cannabis, I would offer them more specific information and the opportunity to have additional one to one sessions with myself or another I.D team member.

Why is it better to talk to the I.D team than any other youth worker?

If someone has a good relationship with the youth worker, it is always beneficial for to the young person to talk to them about what's going on. youth workers are very supportive and give out good information about drugs, but they may feel that the young person would benefit from more specialist advice, which is where the I.D team would come in.

Does smoking cannabis cause impotence?

Smoking tobacco is known as one of the leading causes of impotence in men. There is no conclusive evidence about cannabis itself however some people believe with regular to heavy users, cannabis has shown to lower oestrogen and testosterone levels which lead to reduce the sperm count and sex drive, but it's different for everybody

Is cannabis actually addictive?

Cannabis can lead to different outcomes for different people. Psychologically, people can become dependant to anything, but it isn't proven that cannabis is physically dependant.

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