

LICHFIELD DISTRICT CRIME PREVENTION PANEL

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PANEL'S AMBITIOUS DRUGS AWARENESS CAMPAIGN CONTINUES

The Panel has been successful in obtaining further funding to enable its ambitious Drugs Awareness presentations to continue in Primary Schools within Lichfield District during 2004/05.

The fundamental aim of these presentations is to give Year 5 and 6 pupils accurate information in a balanced and sensitive manner to enable them to make informed decisions when faced with situations concerning drugs. The presentations this year will be undertaken by a highly experienced former Police Officer, Mr. Ian Hall of IPH Consultancy, and will be designed to meet PHSE and Citizenship requirements for Key Stage 2.

Feedback from pupils, parents and teachers is not just that these talks are invaluable in terms of the message communicated but also that they are well received thanks to the sensitive way in which they are delivered.

Alan Birch, Chairman of the Panel, says:

"I am delighted that we are able to continue with this vital project in our Primary Schools. The Panel is extremely grateful to the organisations who have contributed towards the funding of the programme i.e. P.A.S.S. (Partners Assuring a Safer Staffordshire), Staffordshire Police Drugs Forfeiture Fund and the Army Training Regiment at Whittington Barracks".

Tracey Coles, Head Teacher of St. Chads Primary School in Lichfield, says:

"We are very pleased that the Drugs Awareness Presentations are continuing in 2004/05. We feel that the input of a professional in this field is invaluable in emphasising the importance of the Crime Panel's objectives. In addition it gains the respect from the children who recognise the expertise of the presenter and who are then more likely to take the key messages on board."