Substance Use Education



Stage:	Early	Lesson: What Do I Do To Keep Myself Healthy?
Expected national standards for each level:		
Identifies which substances may be helpful and which may be harmful in given situations.		
Substance Misuse Experiences and Outcomes:		
HWB 0-38a I understand there are things I should not touch or eat and how to keep myself		
safe, and I am learning what is meant by medicines and harmful substances.		
Resources:		
Range of objects and empty containers for example:		
Toothbrush		
Scissors		
Tablet Packet		
Suncream		
Medicine Bottle		
Liquid Soap		
Cleaning Fluid Bottle		
Plaster		
 Ointi 	ment/crear	n (e.g. savlon)
Coloured hoops – green and red.		
Main Activities:		
Discussion:		

Outline to children the purpose of the lesson: To talk about what can help keep us healthy.

Place all the objects in a bag and offer it to children to select an item. Children are to identify what object is and decide which hoop they think it should go in: green hoop – "This can help keep me healthy" or red hoop – "This can stop me being healthy".

Expand on some of the items:

- Is it safe to use this item on your own?
- Who can help you if you need to use this item?
- How can we make sure we don't become unhealthy?

Individual Activity:

Children to draw picture of "5 things I do to keep myself healthy" – could include brushing teeth, wash hands, eat fruit, drink milk, run and dance.