

The Vape Debate



The Vape Debate 6 Month Update Report

March 2026

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<p>1. Communication – Regular discussions across all Schools, e.g. standing agenda item at SHAPAS meeting, and council newsletter, monitoring numbers of vaping incidents and sharing good practice on tackling the issue.</p>	<p>Public health have written a newsletter article sent out to all schools, with further resources.</p>	<p>School Improvement leads have promoted the Smokefree Sheffield resources that were sent through from Healthwatch back in November 2025 and it will continue to be on the SHAPAS agenda with Heads of secondary schools.</p>
<p>2. Monitoring – School Safeguarding Officers to track levels of vaping incidents within schools, and report to the Children’s Safeguarding Board for monitoring and action. CYP vaping needs to be monitored on an ongoing basis not just as a one-off piece.</p>	<p>Safeguarding leads are recording numbers of vaping incidents in most schools. The Safeguarding in schools Lead is monitoring the trends, and taking appropriate actions.</p>	<p>The Preventing Substance Misuse and Tobacco Uptake sub group (chair Tim Rumley) will annually in January, monitor the vaping incidents compiled by schools, through the school safeguarding lead and consider appropriate actions in response to support schools. This will be reported to the Salford Tobacco Alliance.</p>

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<p>3. Raising awareness - With just less than half of school staff and only 1 in 4 parents being aware of the new legislation, Public Health alongside other relevant bodies to develop a plan to raise awareness of what the new Bill means.</p>	<p>Regular communication on the tobacco and vape bill continues as part of the usual way of working. Public health remain committed to keeping all Salford Tobacco Alliance pillars informed as developments progress, ensuring everyone has the clarity and consistency needed to support our shared priorities. This ongoing dialogue helps us stay aligned, respond to emerging issues, and maintain a coordinated approach across the system.</p>	<p>On the completion through Parliament of the Tobacco and Vapes Bill, the Youth service lead (Tim Rumley) will draft a memo in the weekly schools email for all schools (Primary and Secondary) providing a short summary of the legislation and request all schools disseminate this information to staff parents and pupils.</p> <p>This information will be about both the Tobacco and Vapes Bill currently going through Parliament and the Environmental Protection (Single Use Vapes) Act. Trading Standards (Marsha Bell) and Youth Service (Tim Rumley) are also working with Trading Standards to share with schools each year the hotline to share intelligence on illicit tobacco and vapes sales and for this to be disseminated to parents through schools.</p>

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4. Learning - Early Break specialist assemblies and workshops to be rolled out to all secondary schools in Salford (In view of the fact that a significant amount of young people, parents and teachers have reported that CYP are under the influence of other substances.)	All Secondary schools were contacted, and 3 schools have had assemblies since June 2025 reaching 850 pupils at St Ambrose, Moorside and Ellesmere High. No recent assemblies delivered due to capacity.	Following a recent tendering and recruitment process, it is anticipated that vaping assemblies will resume after April 2026. Additionally, Salford Youth Service have been working with a class of year 8s in Oasis Media City Academy on vaping reduction and these workshops will be shared with other youth workers in the city to use in schools.