

# ***Needs Analysis of Children and Adolescents in Terms of Substance Use and Related Risk Behaviour in the Context of the Institutional Network of Services in Prague and the Central Bohemia Region***



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**BACKGROUND:** Various institutions and agencies have repeatedly called for a good survey of the need for healthcare for children and adolescents in Prague and in the region of Central Bohemia. This study was conducted in response to such a demand. **AIM:** The main objective was to survey the need for specialised addiction-related healthcare for children and adolescents in Prague and the Central Bohemia region. **SAMPLE:** The study was conducted using a multi-level survey of institutions and individuals associated with the core subject. The survey took place within the network of general practitioners for children and adolescents, institutional education and care, and social services. Questionnaires were supplied to 241 facilities, 135 of which responded and completed the questionnaires. **METHODS:** First, sources such as the internet, Facebook, information databases, and Prague city district authorities' sources were used for the

data collection phase (survey of institutions and services). The methods of a telephone interview and a poll questionnaire. The final part involved institutional analysis and a simple outline of a policy to address the issue of the availability of the care. **RESULTS:** There is a growing number of children admitted to resuscitation and intensive care wards for children. The survey showed that just in 2012 the responding facilities registered 2,583 substance-related cases. The individual respondents all consistently indicated that they do not have access to specialised addiction-related outpatient healthcare. **CONCLUSIONS:** In Prague there currently appears to be no need for a further increase in the capacity of inpatient addiction-related healthcare. A need may arise for a highly specialised short-term inpatient service following up on a detoxification unit, but only in combination with follow-up community care programmes.

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