

APPENDIX 4: FORMATION OF ADOLESCENT SUBSTANCE USE GROUPS

Cut-offs used and proportion of sample with
differing levels of substance use at each time point

	Age	Days of use (past month)	Use Classification	%		Dichotomised classification
alcohol	13-14 years	0	no	74.3	} →	No/Low
		1 to 3	low	18.9		
		4 to 7	moderate	4.3	} →	Moderate/High
		8 to 30	high	2.5		
	15-16 years	0	no	37.1	} →	No/Low
		1 to 3	low	40.2		
		4 to 7	moderate	15.3	} →	Moderate/High
		8 to 30	high	7.3		
	17-18 years	0	no	13.3	} →	No/Low
		1 to 4	low	48.6		
		5 to 9	moderate	22.8	} →	Moderate/High
		10 to 14	high	9.9		
15- to 30	very high	5.4				
marijuana	13- 14 years	0	no	93.6	→	No
		<i>Any lifetime use</i>	any	6.4	→	Any (Lifetime)
	15-16 years	0	no	85.9	→	No
		1 to 4	low	10.8	} →	Any (month)
	5 to 30	moderate/high	3.2			
	17-18 years	0	no	80.2	→	No
1 to 4		low	14.1	} →	Any (month)	
5 to 30	moderate/high	5.8				