



DRUG MISUSE AWARENESS

Trainer: Andy Perkins, Director of Training & Development

Max. participants: 16

Suitable for: The module has been designed to meet the needs of a wide range of staff who work with alcohol dependent clients. The trainer will tailor the day to suit all needs within the multi-disciplinary group setting.

Course Content

This course aims to enhance participants' basic knowledge of drugs and drug-related issues. The course examines current attitudes towards and stereotypes associated with people who use drugs, encouraging participants to consider the impact of societal and personal attitudes on practice when working with drug misusers. The course looks at the nature and characteristics of particular drugs and the possible long-term and short-term indicators of their use, as well as the potential physical and psychological effects they may have. Participants are also challenged to consider the role of drug, set and setting on people's experience of drug taking. Finally, the course also takes a broad look at the current legal framework in the UK regarding the classification of drugs.

Learning Outcomes

The training aims to give participants an opportunity to:

- Understand drug information.
- Understand the reasons for drug use.
- Show knowledge of assumptions made about people who use drugs and their impact.
- Understand the legal framework within the drugs field.