

One day Foundation Course, Drug and Alcohol Awareness. Introductory course with half day follow up sessions. Only 15 places per course, open to non-specialist service providers who come into contact with drug or alcohol use during the course of their work as well as workers new to the field of substance use. It is also suitable for people who need to develop knowledge of drugs and alcohol. Places are free to partner organisations. Booking available from November 2002 onwards.

Venues for the one-day foundation training courses

Course presenter:	Simon Floyd, Training Officer, NORCAS
2003 Dates:	Venue & location:
04th November	Dereham Town Football Club
04th December	Dereham Town Football Club
2004 Dates:	Venue & location:
15th January	Easton College
10th February	Dereham Town Football Club
25th March	Dereham Town Football Club
10th April	Easton College
09th September	Hotel Elizabeth, 1 Marine Parade Great Yarmouth.
23rd September	Dereham Town Football Club
29th October	Dereham Town Football Club
11th November	TBA
25th November	Dereham Town Football Club
10th December	CADS North House, Goodwins Rd King's Lynn

Screening and Effective interventions: Autumn dates are being planned and will be available shortly for this two-day course for professionals working with young and adult substance misusers. Open to people who have attended the one-day Foundation Course Drug and Alcohol Awareness and who need to develop the knowledge and skills to enable them to carry out substance screening, assessment and learn approaches to effectively enable clients to engage with treatment services.

For an application form for either of these courses please contact M Hutchinson, Training and Workforce Development Coordinator, Norfolk Drug Action Team, Phoenix House, White Lodge Business Park, Hall Road, Norwich NR4 6DG Fax 01603 677566 or Phone 01603 677562.

DAT Roadshow: If your organisation would like to know more of the work of the Norfolk DAT we are happy to arrange a visit and presentation. To book, please contact Lynda Johnson on 01603 677577

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Meet Norfolk's Drug Action Team



From left to right, Anne-Louise Schofield, Lynda Johnson, Steph Ross-Wagenknecht, Xany Oliver, Lynn Preston, Bridget Punton, Michael Hutchinson and Sophie Smith

Meet the Norfolk Drug Action Team (DAT), which is based at Phoenix House on the While Lodge Trading Estate in Norwich. Drug Action Teams (DATs) are local multi-agency coordinating groups set up under the UK Government's Strategy for England "Tackling Drugs Together." Xany Oliver, Strategy Manager of the Norfolk DAT in May 2002 heads a team of ten staff, managing a budget of approx £3.5m and co-ordinating spend with the substance misuse budgets of member agencies.

Governed by a management committee made up of chief officers from the member agencies - Police, Probation, Social Services, Education, the Prison Service, local Health Services and the District

Councils and representatives from Norfolk drug and alcohol agencies - Norfolk DAT commissions and monitors locally provided drug and alcohol services, raises awareness about drug and alcohol issues in Norfolk and supports the member agencies through training and other activities.

The DAT is committed to improving access to treatment for Adults and Young People with Drug and Alcohol problems and its partnership status encourages all the member agencies to work together to provide a range of different types of services that will reach young people and socially excluded groups, like the homeless and people coming through the criminal justice system.

New Chief for DAT

Tim Byles, Chief Executive of Norfolk County Council is the new Chairman of the DAT Chief Officers Group who are responsible for governing Norfolk Drug Action Team.

"I am very pleased to be the new Chair of the Chief Officers Group of the Drug Action Team."



Norfolk faces a particular challenge because of its size and rural nature. We can only deliver the new National Drug Strategy by working in partnership across all the member agencies: Police, Probation, Social Services, Education, Prison Service, Health and District Councils.

We are very lucky to have a range of excellent Drug and Alcohol service providers who are able to bring their expertise to the design and delivery of new services. The Newsletter will appear quarterly and will keep you informed about the work of the Drug Action Team and its membership."

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Tackling drugs



The Matrix Project

The Matrix project provides a service to people working in the sex industry who are drug dependent. It was commissioned by the Drug Action Team in April 2003 and is funded initially for two years by the Crime and Disorder Partnerships.

Research carried out in Norwich showed strong links between the sex industry and drug dependency. People absorbed in this culture tend not to use mainstream services and they don't have many opportunities to think about their lifestyle choices and behaviour. They are also more vulnerable because of drug debt and are more likely to be victims of violence.

The Matrix Project operates an outreach service from a mobile unit in Norwich, offering access to primary healthcare services, and a confidential area for sensitive situations. Using a multi-disciplinary approach aimed at harm reduction, project workers encourage clients to make

their own risk assessments and help them to make informed choices about their lifestyles.

The Project also works alongside other agencies that support sex workers and encourages increased awareness about the needs of this client group.

The Matrix Project will also be collecting data, to identify activities operating in specific areas county-wide, and tracking the locations of those offering services in other areas. Research will look at service provision for sex industry workers, feeding back findings to relevant organisations and exploring the need for specialist services, or improving access to current services.

For more Information about the work of the Matrix Project: telephone Liz Benns or Debbie Chedgy on 01603 751717 or contact them at the Matrix Project, Adelaide Street Health Centre, Norwich NR2 4JL Tel: 01603 751717/632805



Xany Oliver is responsible for the day-to-day management of the Drug Action Team as well as leading its strategic direction. She was appointed as the Strategy Manager in May 2002 and has worked in a variety of settings, including A&E, a child & adolescent psychiatric unit, mental health and child protection.

She moved into management and policy development, and developing services for carers. Recently she has been the lead commissioner for Norfolk Social Services adults and young people with substance misuse problems.

Safer Clubbing

The former Drug Prevention Advisory Service, now known as Government Office Drug Team are based regionally and were commissioned through the Home Office Drug strategy directorate to produce guidance aimed at ensuring the health and safety of anyone attending dance events in England.

The guidance is designed to cover dance events taking place in all kinds of venues, for example, small and large nightclubs, student union bars, arena's and in tents and marquees outdoors.

The Norfolk Drug Action team promote the principles of this guidance through:

- Membership of the Pub & Nightclub liaison group.
- Working on encouraging the provision of drug and alcohol education information at clubs and ticket outlets.
- Developing mechanisms for the sharing of intelligence relating to drug dealing and drug use at dance events in conjunction with the Police, and Door stewards.
- Encouraging the drug training of club staff and door supervisors.

For more information about the Safer Clubbing initiative contact: Michael Hutchinson or Bridget Punton on 01603 677562

Talk to

FRANK is the name of the new campaign aimed at young people and parents that was launched nationwide on Friday 23rd May this year. It is a joint initiative by the Home Office and the Department of Health and is supported by the Department for Education and Skills.

Frank aims to give advice and help to anyone who is affected by, or wants to know more about drugs. Frank builds on the work of the National Drug Help Line and expands it through multi agency advertising on TV and radio, supported by a telephone help-line and website.

In line with the updated National Drug Strategy, the primary focus of FRANK is on class A drugs. It will target 11 to 21 year olds and their parents and

Norfolk DAT website

Norfolk DAT is setting up its own website www.nordat.org.uk which will go online at the end of July. The website will have two main sections. The public area will contain information about drugs and alcohol issues for adults and young people. It will include a drug and alcohol guide to services that will be linked with the Norfolk-wide HERON database for health information. There will also be interviews with staff members, drug profiles with safer use information, and much more.

The professional area will have

Structured Day Care Programmes

The Structured Day Care Programme offers community treatment workshops to people who are not necessarily substance free, but who are stable and committed to changing their substance use and wish to live a healthier lifestyle. A programme of group work, one to one sessions and educational opportunities is available over a twelve week period, to include personal development, harm minimisation, relapse prevention, auricular acupuncture, information technology and access to the Progress2Work Jobcentre programme.

For more information contact Diane Stevens, Project Manager on 01842 815058

FRANK



carers. The name Frank was chosen by informed research and it was decided that a straight forward and easy name was needed to make it accessible to most people.

For more information about **FRANK** please visit www.talktofrank.com or www.drugs.gov.uk/campaign.

The **FRANK** help-line number is 0800 77 66 00

Site coming soon!

information about Norfolk DAT, professional meetings, training events, DAT publications and relevant research. Part of this section on the site will be password protected for DAT members only.

Sophie Smith, Research and Information Officer for Norfolk DAT said: *"We are very excited about this new development and everybody will find the site useful when it comes online. If anyone has any suggestions or comments for the website, there will be a feedback section where we look forward to seeing your views and comments."*

Progress2work

Progress2Work is a Government initiative that people can access through Jobcentre Plus. It helps people to start a working life during their recovery from drug misuse and to take full advantage of the Jobcentre Plus training opportunities.

A Progress2Work Co-ordinator is part of the Jobcentre Plus team and liaises with local treatment agencies working with drug misusers to ensure that drug

treatment and employment services are working together in positive and effective partnership.

The contract for this service is held by Addaction. The Addaction team will consist of two Employment Training Advisors and two project/mentor workers, who will work in tandem to both find placements and support the client in it.

For more information please contact Diane Stevens, Project Manager on 01842 815058

Norwich City Council establishes a Drug and Alcohol Reference Group

The Drug Action Team and Crime and Disorder Partnerships (CDRP) have been working together to establish a drug and alcohol reference group (DARG) in each of the seven Norfolk local authority districts. These groups will form part of the CDRP structure and will relate specifically to substance misuse and alcohol.

Norwich CDRP had their first

reference group meeting on May 14th 2003. It is hoped that the correct membership will bring the necessary influence of tackling substance misuse at a local level.

Drug and Alcohol Reference Groups will focus on delivering the aims and objectives found in the national drugs strategy at a district level, primarily around the communities and criminal justice agenda.

The Norwich group holds its next meeting on August 6th 2003 the agenda will cover issues including: supervised consumption, and the provision of sharp bins for the disposal of injecting equipment in public places.

For further information contact: Bob Cronk on 01603 212373 or Bridget Punton on 01603 677565

Drugs and Alcohol in the Workplace

The Home Office National Workplace Project was set up to reduce the harmful effects of drugs and alcohol on employees and on work performance. Drug Action Teams across the country are raising awareness among local employers and employees, of the need to address the effects of alcohol and drug use in the workplace, and to provide information to them in support of this activity.

The Norfolk Drug Action Team organised a free, half-day seminar for local employers in early July, at the Holiday Inn in Norwich, covering:

- Alcohol and drug awareness
- Issues surrounding the drug screening & testing

- Legislation - relevant to alcohol and drug misuse in the workplace.
- Drug and Alcohol policy - the benefits of having a policy and the process for establishing and implementing an effective policy.

The seminar targets HR managers, people with management or supervisory responsibilities and trades union representatives and was promoted by the DAT with assistance from the Chamber of Commerce, and the Chartered Institute of Personnel Management.

The course is to be held at Holiday Inn, Ipswich Road, Norwich. **For more information contact Michael Hutchinson on 01603-677562.**