

Norfolk Drug & Alcohol Action Team Professional Development Programme Screening and Effective Interventions Training

Programme title: “Screening and Effective interventions” professionals working with adult substance misusers.

Number of places available: There will be a **maximum of 15 places on each course**. If you would like to book a place please fill out the application form.

Target audience: This course is open to people who have attended the foundation one day drug and alcohol awareness training. It is suitable for people 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.

Cost: This is an important course, with limited places. **Places will be offered free of charge, however the Drug & Alcohol Action Team reserve the right to make a charge to cover for Administration and Catering, where people fail to attend.** Individual agencies will be responsible for funding staff cover and travelling expenses etc for staff that attend.

The aim of the course: is to develop knowledge and skills in substance misuse screening, assessment and effective interventions.

By the end of the course participants will be able to:

- Recognise the common screening tools used to assess substance misuse and the domains they cover.
- Understand the full range of domains to assess in order to produce a balanced initial/ basic assessment.
- Integrate substance misuse screening and assessment domains /tools with other holistic/comprehensive screening assessment tools already used by participants.
- Practice and assess their own screening and assessment skills by applying at least two tools to some case studies.
- Recognise and distinguish between experimental drug use, recreational drug use and problematic/chaotic use.
- Identify how barriers to disclosing and discussing substance misuse can be overcome.
- Understand and practice the application of evidence based approaches to effectively enable clients to engage with treatment services.
- Describe and practice using evidence-based approaches to delivering key harm reduction messages to substance misusers.
- Understand how they can effectively support clients waiting for, going through, and after the treatment process.
- Understand when and how to refer clients to specialist substance misuse services and other appropriate services in Norfolk.

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