

COCAINE – USE AND ABUSE

A one day course

Working with clients who regularly use Cocaine and other stimulants presents a challenge to professionals of all disciplines regardless of experience. Personal prejudices and attitudes invariably have an impact on treatment outcomes, a fact well supported by research. Through an examination of the 'moral continuum' as well as the culture and background to cocaine use course participants will develop a greater understanding of why people might use this substance problematically and what might perpetuate and reinforce continued use of it .

How is Cocaine used? What are its effects on the body and mind? What medical complications do users experience? How can Cocaine kill? What are the behavioural effects of long term Cocaine use? What factors contribute to Cocaine dependence? How is Cocaine abuse treated?

What are the Health and Safety issues as well as risk factors that should be considered when working with substance users? What are the legal implications both for the user and the worker? Health and Social Care staff need to be aware of the needs of and challenges presented by this client group and to develop strategies in order that exemplary care can be provided

WHO IS THIS COURSE FOR?

All health and social care staff who work in settings where clients may be using drugs or alcohol including mental health workers, drug/alcohol workers, social care workers and criminal justice workers from all agencies. Training will be specifically tailored to meet the needs of your organization or nominated delegates

SUMMARY OF CONTENT

- The culture of addiction and the Cocaine 'epidemic'
- Why do individuals engage in addictive behaviour?
- Personal attitudes and prejudices
- How Cocaine is used
- The biology and anatomy of the effects of Cocaine
- Physical and Psychological complications
- Behavioural effects of long term cocaine abuse
- The physical and mental effect of Cocaine
- Health and safety considerations including overdose awareness and emergency procedures
- 'Treatments' including pharmaceutical and psychosocial interventions
- Legal matters including responsibilities under Section 8 MDA 1971

This Course is available as an 'in house' commissioned training programme for up to 30 people.

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