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Welcome to the next issue of the HADP News Bulletin. There is lots of information in this issue on upcoming training and events. Including the Scottish Drugs Forum and Hepatitis Scotland training and the AA Awareness event. Spaces are booking up fast for these events, so if you want to be sure of a place, book now.

Many thanks

HADP

Special points of interest:

SDF Newsletter
http://us11.campaign-archive2.com/?u=e11f8fc83cbbb714881d3030b&id=134568e0a6&e=6c7aab5e30

Revised National Standards for Community Engagement
Many of you will be familiar with the original National Standards for Community Engagement, launched by the Scottish Community Development Centre in 2005 – and used to support and improve community engagement and user involvement across the public, voluntary and independent sectors since then. The Standards have undergone a review during 2015/2016 and the new, revised version is contained in the following link: http://www.voicescotland.org.uk/media/resources/NSfCE2016.pdf

Scottish Courts Back Minimum Alcohol Price

http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-scotland-37725251

ASSISTANCE WANTED.

The average person touches their mobile over 2000 times per day, technology is very much part of our daily lives.

Does anyone know of a project utilising modern technology as way of offering additional support to service users in remote and rural areas?

Our service users are in need and our resources are limited to regular appointments in community venues. Do you know of any projects already set up that we could contact to use their experience to avoid pitfalls and not have to re-invent the wheel.

If you have any creative solutions that would help us please get in touch: Contact Chris Cochrane Tel 01862 894097

Text 07920776024

Email info@acsrs.org.uk

or find us on facebook twitter "

Addictions Counselling Inverness - Job Opportunity

Manager

Addictions Counselling Inverness is a Third Sector organisation based in Inverness, which offers free one-to-one counselling for adults who are affected by alcohol, drug & gambling issues. ACI is contracted by NHS Highland to provide this service across Inverness, Nairn and Badenoch & Strathspey.

We are looking for a motivated individual with experience of addictions, mental health and/or counselling, as well as a proven record in service management. Specific duties include Service Co-ordination & Management and Organisational Development. Possession of a relevant professional qualification essential (Management qualification or Health/Social Care Diploma/Degree).

The position is 30 hours per week & permanent (dependent on funding).

Salary £25 – 29k (pro rata)

For application pack or further details please call 01463 220995

or e-mail info@addictionscounsellinginverness.org

Closing date 7th Nov 2016

Interview will be held week beginning 14th Nov 2016

Further details and Job Description available at www.addictionscounsellinginverness.org

Alcohol Brief Interventions— Revised Briefing paper

Alcohol Brief Interventions (ABIs) – A revised briefing paper with summary overview of the background, policy framework, and delivery of ABIs in the primary care, A&E and wider settings can be found here: http://www.healthscotland.com/documents/24945.aspx

The revised briefing paper reflects the new drinking guidance from UK government. If you are interested in ABI training or for more information please contact elspeth.lee@nhs.net If you'd like to refresh your training, you can complete the NHS Highland LearnPro module for ABIs.

Apex / SMART Recovery

As part of our ongoing commitment to encouraging and supporting recovery from addictive behaviours, we at Apex Highland, in partnership with UK SMART Recovery, are beginning a new SMART Recovery meeting.

The meeting will be led by myself, Kenny Robertson, and other trained facilitators, commencing Monday 31st October 2016 at 1.30 p.m-3.30 p.m., continuing every Monday thereafter at 1.30 p.m. to 3.30 p.m. at Apex Highland, Unit 7, 23 Lotland Street, Inverness IV1 1ST.

While referrals from stakeholders are welcome, this is an open meeting in the sense individuals can access it by simply turning up on the day.

For those who do not know about UK SMART Recovery, here's a link to their website.

https://www.smartrecovery.org.uk/

Alternatively, if more information is required, contact me at Apex 01463 717033.

Finally, It would be of immense help if you shared this information with other relevant parties, and possibly even more help if you could print off the attached flyer and put it somewhere it can be seen.

Kind Regards

Kenny

Kenny Robertson

Personal Development Mentor

Apex Scotland

Unit 7,23 Lotland Street,

INVERNESS

Useful Websites and Resources

- www.talktofrank.com
- www.crew2000.org
- www.sdf.org.uk
- www.thedrugswheel.com
- www.highland-adp.org.uk

Scottish Drug Forum and Hepatitis Scotland Training

Drugs and Bugs – An Introduction to Bacterial Infection and Drug Use (Half Day Course)

Venue: Inshes Church, Inverness
Date 27th January 2017
Time9.30am – 12.30

A brief introduction to bacterial infection and drug use.

The training will give a brief overview of bacterial infection and various outbreaks. It also gives participants the opportunity to explore harm reduction information relevant to bacterial infection. The training will provide an overview of the main signs and symptoms which practitioners should be aware of and will encourage participants to think about and develop a response relevant to their services.

Learning Outcomes:
By the end of the session participants will be able to:

- Demonstrate increased knowledge in the area of bacterial infections
- Demonstrate increased confidence to deliver harm reduction information to people who use drugs.
- Recognise symptoms of infection and respond effectively.
- Contribute to the development of an effective response to potential outbreaks which can be implemented in their service.

Aimed at:
Drug workers housing / homelessness workers, social workers, GPs, nurses, teachers, mental health workers, pharmacy staff, prison staff – all individuals who come into contact with people who use drugs.

Cost:
Free but places are limited so booking is essential. To reserve your place please click on the following link: https://goo.gl/sDrFT4

Hepatitis SCOTLAND

HIGHLAND alcohol & drugs PARTNERSHIP

Blood Borne Viruses (Half Day Course)

Venue: Inshes Church, Inverness
Date: 27th January 2017
Time: 1.30pm to 4.30pm

This training raises awareness and understanding of issues relating to blood borne viruses (BBVs). Its main focus is on Hepatitis C but it will also explore issues relating to Hepatitis B and HIV.

This course will enable workers to engage more confidently with service users and other professionals on a range of issues related to viral hepatitis with particular emphasis on risks associated with drug use. Key areas covered include BBV prevention testing, treatment, and support.

Learning Outcomes:
By the end of the session participants will be able to:

- Demonstrate increased knowledge on BBV's and their prevalence in Scotland.
- Recall transmission routes
- Identify prevention strategies – how do we engage with and get relevant and meaningful prevention messages to people at risk.
- Demonstrate an understanding of the injection process and how to minimise risk.
- Demonstrate an understanding of current testing and treatment options.
- Identify the role of key services including prevention, testing, treatment and support services.

Aimed at:
Staff and management of services working with drug users or people at high risk of BBVs, drug workers, housing / homelessness staff, criminal justice, social work, mental health, services working with vulnerable young people.

Cost:
Free but places are limited so booking is essential. To reserve your place please click on the following link: https://goo.gl/sDrFT4

SDF Scottish Drugs Forum

HIGHLAND alcohol & drugs PARTNERSHIP

Improving the Sexual Health and Reproductive Health of People who use Drugs

Venue: Inshes Church, Inverness
Date: 26th January 2016
Time: 9.30 4.30

A one day course which aims to increase the knowledge and confidence of all staff to support people who use drugs to improve their sexual and reproductive health.

The training focuses on the five outcomes of the Scottish Government's Sexual Health and Blood Borne Virus Framework
These are:

- Fewer newly acquired blood borne virus and sexually transmitted infections; fewer unintended pregnancies
- A reduction in the health inequalities gap in sexual health and blood borne viruses
- People affected by blood borne viruses lead longer, healthier lives
- Sexual relationships are free from coercion and harm
- A society where the attitudes of people in Scotland towards sexual health and blood borne viruses, are positive, non-stigmatising and supportive.

Learning Outcomes:
By the end of the session participants will be able to:

- Name the effects of alcohol and other drugs on sexual and reproductive health
- Identify relevant knowledge about the law, contraception and sexually transmitted infections.
- Recognise why people take risks around sexual and reproductive health.
- Identify attitudes to sexual and reproductive health and substance misuse.
- Ask sexual and reproductive health questions of service users
- Identify local services and resources

Aimed at:
Drug workers housing / homelessness workers, social workers, GPs, nurses, teachers, mental health workers, pharmacy staff, prison staff – all individuals who come into contact with people who use drugs.

Cost:
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THE Alcoholics Anonymous AWARENESS PUBLIC MEETING IS FOR

EMPLOYERS who would like to know more to help employees

HEALTH PROFESSIONALS to inform and engage them and their patients

THE FAMILY who are affected by a loved one's drinking

PARENTS with concerns for the future

YOU to find out more and gain help

If drink is costing you, your business, your employees, your family or you more than money, it's time to Learn more

Wednesday 16th November 2016 | 10.45 - 14.30 ⁝ Tulloch Caledonian Stadium, Inverness

Pour yourself a large measure of AA

For further enquiries contact event co-ordinator 07974 710444

Highland & Island Region

of

Alcoholics Anonymous

in co-operation with

Highland Alcohol & Drug Partnership

Professional Community Awareness Event

"Anonymous But Not Invisible"

Wednesday 16 November 2016 10:45 - 14:30hrs

Inverness Caledonian Thistle FC Conference Centre

The primary purpose of the event is to enhance the awareness to the

Professional Bodies, Third Sector and General Public within the Highland area of of what the fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) is able to offer, free of charge, to anyone who has a desire to stop drinking.

Guest Speakers will include:

Mr Sandy MacVarish - Member of AAGB Board of Trustees

Dr Ashraf Kahn - Consultant Psychologist

Member of AAGB Board of Trustees

Dr Hugo van Woerden - Director of Public Health & Health Policy to the NHS Highland

Ms Natalie Beal - Governor HMP Porterfield

Chairperson Highland Alcohol & Drug Partnership

The attendance and participation by you, and your colleagues, is earnestly requested in

order to assist in enhancing the AA policy of working in co-operation with, whenever possible, outside organisations in supporting those wishing to recover from their addiction to alcohol.

A **"Certificate of Continuing Professional Development"** will be issued as requested by any attendees.

Refreshments and a light luncheon will be served. There will be no registration fee levied.

Pre-event Registration:-

Your assistance would be greatly appreciated regarding this matter.

Registration may be made in advance of the event via:

Email - a.p.beck@hotmail.co.uk

Telephone or Text message - 07974 710444.

When registering please indicate the name of your organisation (if applicable) and the name and position of each person planning to attend.

Further Registration

Registrations will be accepted on the day of the event. However, depending on numbers, this may lead to a restriction to the luncheons avaiable to such registrees.