

Cocaine

Aim

The aim of this one day course is to provide participants with a working knowledge of cocaine misuse, its manifestations, paraphernalia and treatment options so that workers may better understand and relate to users of this drug.

Learning Outcomes

Participants completing this course will gain:

- An understanding of the affects and effects of cocaine on the individual user
- An understanding of the physiological and psychological damage which cocaine causes
- An overview of cycles and patterns of use for this drug and its derivatives i.e. crack
- An outline of treatment options for those using cocaine

Contents:

- History of cocaine & crack cocaine use
- Pharmacology of cocaine
- Psychological & physiological effects
- Neurobiology of cocaine and its action on the brain
- Paraphernalia and how the drug is used
- Lapse management and relapse prevention
- Harm Reduction with cocaine users

Who should attend?

Individuals working or volunteering in the social care field who may come into contact with cocaine users.