

Drugs, alcohol, housing and homelessness – developing good practice

A one day Training and Seminar event

Aberdeen: 19 March 2009

Glasgow: 23 March 2009

Edinburgh: 31 March 2009

Cost: FREE

**Scottish Government Homelessness and
Substance Misuse Advisory Group
in association with
Scottish Drugs Forum and Scottish Council for Single Homeless**



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About this event

THE SCOTTISH Government has pledged to reduce the inequalities between the least advantaged and the rest of society by ensuring that support reaches those who need it most. Among the key strands of action to achieve this are:

- all unintentionally homeless people will be entitled to settled accommodation by 2012
- provision of a holistic individually-tailored approach to drugs treatment, with wider social support and a strong focus on recovery
- increased emphasis on tackling problematic alcohol use.

Effective joint working in the linked areas of drug and alcohol treatment, housing access and supply and preventing homelessness is crucial to successfully achieving this ambitious objective. This event aims to encourage the development of a co-ordinated approach and good quality partnership working to enable agencies and staff to meet the challenges of effectively delivering on these cross-cutting issues.

Event Programme

A morning training event will take place prior to the seminar, with the choice of three practical sessions:

- preventing and responding to drugs overdose
- drugs – what you need to know
- housing and homelessness issues – what drug workers need to know

The afternoon seminar session will feature:

- recent Scottish Government-commissioned research on substance use problems and homelessness
- an opportunity to hear what service users want from services
- workshops to explore issues, views and ideas for practice development.

Who should attend?

Policymakers, service commissioners and practitioners working in the private, public or voluntary sector in the areas of housing/homelessness, drug and alcohol treatment, social work, mental health, and also service users, including :

- Councils
- NHS staff - including primary care and mental health practitioners
- Alcohol and Drug Action Teams
- Housing providers
- Drug and alcohol support workers
- Children and Family support workers
- Prison Throughcare
- Community Planning Partnerships
- Community Health and Care Partnerships
- Police – community safety, community planning, child welfare, drugs co-ordinators

Training Programme

Please note the training options are open **ONLY** to those attending the afternoon seminar but you may opt to attend the seminar only (see Booking Form)

09:30 – 12.00 **Open Registration**

10:00 – 12.30 **Training Option 1**

Preventing and responding to drugs overdose

10.00 – 12.30 **Training Option 2**

Drugs – What you need to know

11.30 – 12.30 **Training Option 3**

Housing and homelessness issues – what drug workers need to know

12:30 **Lunch**

Seminar Programme

13:00 **Seminar ONLY Registration**

13:30 **Chairperson's introduction - Scottish Government officials**

Aberdeen – Alison Douglas, Head of Alcohol Misuse Team

Glasgow – Matthew Howarth, Homeless Team

Edinburgh – Joe Griffin, Head of Drug Policy Unit

13:40 **Substance Use and Homelessness Research – Key findings**

Sue Irving, Independent Consultant

14:10 **Reaction to the research: What the service users' think**

14:30 **Refreshments**

14:50 **Workshops to discuss findings, explore local issues and ideas for improving practice**

16:10 **Feedback session and Summary: Next Steps**

16:30 **Close**

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How to book:

Return completed form(s) by 13 March 2009 to: **Lisa McKibben**, Scottish Drugs Forum, 91 Mitchell Street, Glasgow G1 3LN. or Fax to: 0141 248 6414

Booking Details

(Please complete this section for every delegate. Photocopies are acceptable.)

Please choose which venue for the seminar and optional training session you wish to attend:

Aberdeen: 19 March

Venue: Aberdeen Foyer
Marywell Centre
Marywell Street
Aberdeen AB11 6JF

Options

Seminar + Choice of Training (1,2 or 3 below)

Training 1

Training 2

Training 3

Seminar Only

Glasgow: 23 March

Venue: Jury's Inn,
80 Jamaica Street
Glasgow G1 4QG

Options

Seminar + Choice of Training (1,2 or 3 below)

Training 1

Training 2

Training 3

Seminar Only

Edinburgh: 31 March

Venue: McDonald Conference Centre
95 McDonald Road
Edinburgh EH7 4NS

Options

Seminar + Choice of Training (1,2 or 3 below)

Training 1

Training 2

Training 3

Seminar Only

Name

Organisation

Address

Postcode **Tel:**

Signed:

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