



## LEGAL TRAINING PROGRAMME – 2008/09

Whether you are working in drug treatment, working with young people who may be experimenting with drugs, managing premises used by vulnerable people, or developing a workplace policy on substance misuse, you need to understand the legal framework surrounding drug use in this country.

We offer expert training on a wide range of topics which should meet your needs. We have a number of standard half-day training sessions (details on pages 2-5) which can stand alone or be booked together to form a full day's training. We can also tailor sessions according to your organisation's requirements.

Our training courses provide vital information for all those working with drug users and can be mapped to DANOS units if required.

### FEES

Our fees start at £750 (excl. VAT and expenses), for a day session for up to 20 delegates. Please contact Lorna Macfarlane for further information or to book a training session email [lorna@release.org.uk](mailto:lorna@release.org.uk) or call 020 7749 4034.

### OUR TRAINING PROTOCOL

All Release legal training is carried out by qualified lawyers who work closely with drug treatment experts. We aim to make our training sessions as interactive as possible, supported by detailed written materials, in order to maximise learning. Training sessions can be tailored to meet the needs of your organisation.

The aims and methodology of all Release training sessions are as follows:

- Aims:** To enable delegates to assess their own knowledge, share their knowledge with others, address any knowledge gaps and apply their knowledge to practical situations.
- Methods:** Presentation of information, questionnaires, case studies, group discussion, question & answer and role play (time allowing).
- Materials:** Detailed written materials will be distributed at each training session for delegates' future reference.

## **TRAINING SESSIONS**

The following half-day sessions can stand alone or be put together to form day-long training sessions. We can also plan tailored sessions according to your requirements.

### **BASIC DRUG AWARENESS**

A tailor made course designed to meet the needs of the client/purchaser:

- Dispelling basic myths
- The Opiate Group
- The Stimulants
- The Hallucinogens
- Paraphernalia
- The Law
- Engaging with different groups
- User Groups/ Peer Education
- Abstinence
- Recreational and Dependent Use.
- Feedback/Discussion

### **DRUGS & THE LAW**

This session provides an overview of the drugs legislation, including an explanation of the classes and schedules and a look at each of the main drugs offences, and focussing on application of the law to practical situations. Issues covered will be:

- Classification system of controlled drugs
- Drugs offences (Misuse of Drugs Act 1971)
- Sentencing guidelines
- Medicines Act 1968

## **DRUG TREATMENT & CRIMINAL JUSTICE**

This session provides an overview of drug testing and treatment within the criminal justice system, looking closely at:

- Testing on arrest
- Required assessment
- Restrictions on Bail
- DTTOs and DRRs
- Confidentiality and Information Sharing within the Drug Intervention Programme (brief overview)

## **CONFIDENTIALITY & INFORMATION SHARING**

This session provides an overview of the law relating to confidentiality and information sharing within drug treatment. Issues covered will include:

- Duty of confidentiality
- Data protection law
- Human rights
- Freedom of information

## **DRUGS ON PREMISES**

This session provides a practical look at the law on drugs as it relates to managing premises. Issues covered will include:

- Section 8 (Misuse of Drugs Act 1971)
- Closure Orders (Anti-Social Behaviour Act 2003)
- Civil actions in relation to drugs and premises
- Paraphernalia and the law
- Storage and disposal of drugs
- Good practice guidelines

## **DRUGS, THE LAW & EMPLOYMENT**

This session provides an overview of the drugs legislation, including an explanation of the classification of controlled drugs and a look at each of the main drugs offences, before focussing on the application of the law in relation to employment and the development of workplace substance misuse policies. Issues covered will include:

- Drugs offences
- Drug testing in the workplace
- Disability discrimination
- Unfair dismissal
- Developing a workplace substance misuse policy

## **DRUGS & POLICE POWERS**

This session provides an overview of police powers as they impact upon drug users, including:

- Stop and search
- Searching premises
- Rights on arrest
- Medical treatment in custody

## **DRUGS & ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR**

This session provides an overview of the laws introduced to tackle anti-social behaviour, and the implications for this client group, covering the following issues:

- Anti-Social Behaviour Orders
- Acceptable Behaviour Contracts
- Closure Powers

## **DRUGS, THE LAW & YOUNG PEOPLE**

This session provides an overview of the law around drugs and young people, police powers and the issues involved in drugs & schools:

- Drugs & the Law: Young people
- Police powers: Young people
- Anti-social behaviour (overview)
- Drugs in Schools

## **DRUGS, THE LAW & HUMAN RIGHTS**

This session takes a look at the implications of human rights law in relation to drug use, drug treatment, and police powers, covering the following issues:

- Access to treatment
- Drug testing
- Police powers

## **SEX WORKERS & THE LAW**

This session provides a comprehensive overview of the law relating to sex workers in the UK, with a particular focus on the issues likely to face drug using sex workers. The following issues will be covered:

- Sex work offences
- Anti-social behaviour
- Drug testing on arrest
- Other legal problems faced by drug using sex workers

## **HARM REDUCTION: MEETING BASIC NEEDS THROUGH LEGAL SERVICES**

This session focuses on ways in which drug treatment services can help their clients to address basic needs such as adequate housing and income, where problems exist. Delegates will be given an overview of the law around the following issues, as well as practical ways of helping clients to overcome these problems:

- Housing and homelessness
- Welfare benefits
- Debt management
- Anti-social behaviour regime

## **OVERDOSE TRAINING (1/2 DAY COURSE)**

**This session covers many of the main issues arising in overdose situations, as well as providing preventative advice. Topics covered:**

- Depressants and overdose
- Stimulants and overdose
- Fixing and Mixing
- Tolerance issues
- The recovery position
- Calling 999
- Looking after yourself (Nourishment, lifestyle)
- Interactive and Questions

## **HEROIN AND THE OPIOIDS**

This session provides information on heroin use, substitute prescribing and relapse prevention. Issues covered include:

- The history of opiates
- Down on the farm (Triangles and Crescents)
- How opiates work in the brain
- Substitute drugs and treatment
- Methods of using
- The Black Market
- Psycho Social Interventions
- Speedballing
- Relapse Prevention

## **COCAINE AND CRACK**

Issues covered:

- The history of Cocaine
- Coke and Crack (Base and Salts)
- How coke and crack work in the brain
- Substitute drugs and treatment?
- Methods of using (Experiential Learning)
- The Black Market (shottin' nation?)
- Psycho Social Interventions- What's Best?
- Speedballing
- Theories
- Relapse Prevention