

## Unit 4222-605 Recognise indications of substance misuse and refer individuals to specialists (ASM1)

**Level:** 3  
**Credit value:** 4  
**UAN:** M/601/0648

### Unit aim

This unit covers recognising signs which may indicate that someone may be misusing drugs (illegal, prescription or over the counter), alcohol, solvents or other substances. It also includes referring individuals with indications of substance misuse to service providers where this is the appropriate action.

### Learning outcomes

There are **four** learning outcomes to this unit. The learner will:

1. Be able to recognise indications of substance misuse
2. Be able to assess and monitor risk
3. Be able to handle information and maintain records
4. Be able to refer individuals to appropriate services

### Guided learning hours

It is recommended that **24** hours should be allocated for this unit, although patterns of delivery are likely to vary.

### Details of the relationship between the unit and relevant national standards

This unit is linked to HSC362 and HSC338.

### Support of the unit by a sector or other appropriate body

This unit is endorsed by Skills for Health.

### Assessment

Any skills-based element within the unit must be assessed within the workplace or by using workplace evidence.

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## **Assessment Criteria**

### **Outcome 1 Be able to recognise indications of substance misuse**

The learner can:

1. identify the range of substances which may be misused and their effects (eg illegal drugs, prescription drugs, over the counter drugs, alcohol, solvents)
2. identify possible indications of substance misuse (eg physical, behavioural, social, emotional)
3. identify other factors which produce indications that may be interpreted as caused by substance misuse
4. show how to obtain specialist assistance where required
5. show how to keep personal knowledge about substances and possible indications of substance misuse up-to-date.

### **Outcome 2 Be able to assess and monitor risk**

The learner can:

1. assess the risk to the individual and to others which may result from substance misuse, in accordance with organisational procedures
2. review the assessment of risk and explain why this is important
3. demonstrate appropriate action which may be required in the light of changes to the situation and level of risk.

### **Outcome 3 Be able to handle information and maintain records**

The learner can:

1. identify situations and actions taken in line with organisational requirements and explain the importance of doing so
2. identify the rights of individuals and the principle of confidentiality.

### **Outcome 4 Be able to refer individuals to appropriate services**

The learner can:

1. identify the range of services relevant to substance misuse available locally and nationally
2. demonstrate how to refer individuals to services in line with organisational requirements
3. provide appropriate services with complete and accurate information about the situation in line with organisational requirements.