

## Unit 4222-617 Supply and exchange injecting equipment for individuals (ASM35)

**Level:** 3  
**Credit value:** 3  
**UAN:** D/501/0599

### Unit aim

This unit is for those who supply and exchange injecting equipment for substance users. This involves establishing the extent and type of individuals' injecting behaviour, providing harm minimisation advice, providing injecting equipment and exchanging used injecting equipment. It also includes maintaining records of the supply and exchange of injecting equipment in order that the service can be monitored and evaluated.

### Learning outcomes

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

1. Understand policy and procedures for the supply and exchange of injecting equipment
2. Be able to conduct initial assessment of substance users and provide relevant advice
3. Be able to supply and exchange injecting equipment

### Guided learning hours

It is recommended that **18** 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 the Skills for Health/DANOS national occupational standard:

AH3 Supply and exchange injecting equipment for individuals

This also appears in Health and Social Care Standards as HSC380.

### 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 in the workplace or using workplace based evidence.

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## **Assessment Criteria**

### **Outcome 1 Understand policy and procedures for the supply and exchange of injecting equipment**

The learner can:

1. describe organisational policies and procedures for supply and exchange of injecting equipment
2. explain policy guidelines and legislation for needle exchange with children, young people and individuals with learning difficulties
3. identify the potential benefits of brief interventions with substance users
4. describe the range of behaviours that can be expected from substance users, and how to deal with these
5. describe how to recognise and deal with immediate risk of danger to individuals who have used substances
6. describe the potential blood borne viruses
7. explain what to do in the event of a needle stick injury occurring
8. describe the range of substance misuse services available in the locality
9. explain legal and organisational procedures and requirements regarding the recording, storage and passing on of information relating to individuals and work undertaken with them.

### **Outcome 2 Be able to conduct initial assessment of substance users and provide relevant advice**

The learner can:

1. establish whether the individual is injecting and the frequency of injecting
2. conduct a health assessment with the individual (e.g. noting skin conditions, abscesses, injecting sites)
3. provide relevant and timely advice eg
  - safe or safer injecting techniques and sites
  - harm minimisation
  - primary health
  - safer sex
4. provide advice and resources for safe storage and disposal of injecting equipment
5. refer individuals to other services according to identified need
6. liaise with providers of other services in line with policies and protocol.

### **Outcome 3    Be able to supply and exchange injecting equipment**

The learner can:

1. demonstrate that:
  - adequate stocks of injecting equipment are maintained
  - injecting equipment is stored safely and securely
2. dispense injecting equipment to individuals in line with the assessment of their needs
3. demonstrate safe handling of dispensed and returned injecting equipment
4. carry out the exchange process discreetly to maintain confidentiality
5. describe how to deal with any spillages and discarded needles and syringes using the appropriate materials
6. maintain records of:
  - injecting equipment supply and exchange in line with organisational procedures
  - the needle exchange service.