



PROFESSION SPECIFIC SKILLS – AOD MEDICAL OFFICER

Purpose

- To provide medical input into the MDT clinical assessment and management planning
- To act as a medical consultant in the treatment of client's case managed by other team members, and to take clinical responsibility for medical aspects of that treatment.
- To provide advice concerning the pharmacology of medications used by individuals presenting for treatment, including opioid substitution agents.
- To participate in supervision, training, evaluation, and research.
- To provide consultation/liaison to general practitioners on the management of individuals with substance use disorders if suitably experienced and qualified.

Specific Skills

- Medical assessment, diagnostic evaluation, formulation, and management planning which incorporates the biological, psychological, social, and cultural factors in substance use and other coexisting disorders.
- Assessment and management of medical problems relating to substance use and coexisting disorders
- Specialised knowledge of pharmacology, allowing safe prescription and monitoring of drug treatments.
- Provision of medical perspective into multidisciplinary team management planning.
- Teaching skills.

Specific Assessments

- Medical assessment of individuals with substance use disorders.
- Risk assessments, assessment of need for referral to mental health services, and assessment of urgency of this referral.
- Assessment of suitability for pharmacotherapy of opioid dependence and in consultation with the MDT, assessment of suitable medication, dosage, and dispensing arrangements.

Specific Treatments

- Prescription of medication.
- Medical and psycho education.
- Addiction medicine consultation to other practitioners within the MO's qualifications and experience.