Supervised Administration of Methadone and/or Buprenorphine

Background Information:

Every Somerset Pharmacy signing the Service Level Agreement (SLA) to deliver supervised administration of Methadone and/or Buprenorphine is required to send a member of staff from each pharmacy premises on this training within six months of starting to deliver this service.

It covers a range of issues including: local and national recommended practice, overview of the local policy and guidelines for supervised administration, 4 way agreements, 3 day rule de-mystified, roles and responsibilities of the pharmacy, Somerset Drug and Alcohol Service, GP and service user.

Duration:

Twilight session running from 7.00pm – 9.00pm. A light supper will be available from 6.00pm to be able to make a prompt start at 7.00pm.

Target Audience:

Aimed at Pharmacists and relevant Pharmacy staff who work for pharmacies which have a signed SLA with Somerset County Council to deliver supervised administration of Methadone and/or Buprenorphine.

Course Aim:

To equip participants with the knowledge and skills to deliver a high quality supervised administration of Methadone and/or Buprenorphine service for drug users in Somerset.

Course Objectives:

By the end of the session, participants will be able to:

- Understand best practice, national guidance including the legal responsibilities on the safe administration of Methadone and/or Buprenorphine
- Recognise the importance of building a relationship with this client group to achieve the best outcomes for each client
- Appreciate the need to work collaboratively with Somerset Drug and Alcohol Service (SDAS) staff to achieve the best outcomes for each client
- Complete and submit a quarterly claim form to Somerset Drug and Alcohol Partnership

Maximum Group size: 30 places

About the trainer:

The trainer for this course is Jenny Scott.

Jenny Scott is a senior lecturer in Pharmacy Practice at the University of Bath. She has a research interest in addiction, particularly needle exchange and pharmacy practice.
She is a non-medical prescriber working in Somerset as part of SDAS Recovery (Turning Point). Jenny has also recently taken up a part time role as lead pharmacist within Turning Point at a national level.