

Co-occurring mental health issues, alcohol and drug use

TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE BY COMPLETING THIS MULTIPLE-CHOICE QUIZ

1. The term 'dual diagnosis' in the context of people with mental health issues that occur concurrently with alcohol and drug use is now regarded as:

- a) Unhelpful
- b) Influential
- c) Accurate
- d) Insulting

2. Which of the following describes accurately the interaction between mental health and substance use?

- a) Contradictory
- b) Mutually exclusive
- c) Symbiotic
- d) Complex

3. A high proportion of people experiencing co-occurring mental health and alcohol and/or drug use (COMHAD) can be found in:

- a) Urban areas
- b) The prison population
- c) Wales
- d) Private hospitals

4. Which of the following may impede access to services for people experiencing COMHAD?

- a) Remote locations
- b) Lack of flexible opening times
- c) Discharge policies for non-attendance
- d) All of the above

5. Discrepancies between staff members' perceptions of who should be involved in a particular service user's case can create:

- a) Delays to treatment
- b) Enhanced integrated care
- c) An effective shared care pathway
- d) A multi-agency care package

6. What factor might cause staff in drug and alcohol services to develop negative attitudes towards people experiencing COMHAD?

- a) Excess paperwork
- b) Cognitive dissonance
- c) Limited access to training
- d) Inadequate IT infrastructure

7. Which of the following is accurate? Othering can be described as:

- a) An alternative term for differential diagnosis
- b) The act of treating someone as though they are not part of a recognised group or as 'different' in some way
- c) Dividing patients into specific cohorts according to their social status
- d) A research term for discarding subjects due to a lack of variation in a study population

8. The purpose of the ASSIST-Lite screening tool is:

- a) To decide if service users may be eligible for self-help groups
- b) To ascertain the drug or alcohol content of a blood sample
- c) To assess if an individual has underlying mental health issues
- d) To help healthcare professionals to identify risky drug and alcohol use

9. According to the transtheoretical model of change, the contemplative stage involves:

- a) Being 'in two minds' regarding any change
- b) Not wishing to change
- c) Already taking steps to change
- d) Being committed to a change that has already taken place.

10. Which of the following is inaccurate? Motivational interviewing:

- a) Is a technique that seeks to strengthen the individual's motivation to change
- b) Represents an intentional move away from a 'righting style', which involves well-meaning advice
- c) Is a technique that seeks to weaken the individual's motivation to change
- d) Relies on partnership through collaboration, acceptance through empathic listening and a demonstration of non-judgemental attitudes

How to complete this assessment

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The answers to this quiz are:

1. a, 2. d, 3. b, 4. d, 5. a, 6. c, 7. b, 8. d, 9. a, 10. c

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