

H5VM 04 (SFH AH3) — Supply and Exchange Injecting Equipment for Individuals

Overview

This standard covers establishing the extent and type of individuals' injecting behaviour, providing harm minimisation advice, providing injecting equipment and exchanging used injecting equipment. You also need to maintain records of the supply and exchange of injecting equipment in order that the service can be monitored and evaluated.

Users of this standard will need to ensure that practice reflects up to date information and policies.

Additional Information

External Links

This standard links with the following dimension within the NHS Knowledge and Skills Framework (October 2004):

Dimension: HWB4 Enablement to address health and wellbeing needs

Performance Criteria — What you do in your job

You must provide evidence to meet all the 20 Performance Criteria for this Unit. The Performance Criteria are grouped under headings to assist you with planning how best to meet these points.

Place the number of the piece of work where this Performance Criteria has been met in the evidence box after each criteria.

	Performance Criteria	Evidence Number where this criteria has been met
1	Establish whether the individual is injecting and the frequency of injecting.	
2	Establish whether a needle exchange service can be provided for the individual in line with local policy (eg for children and young people a needle exchange service may be inappropriate).	
3	Conduct a health assessment with the individual.	
4	Provide advice on safe or safer injecting techniques and sites.	
5	Provide relevant and timely advice on harm minimisation, primary health and safer sex.	
6	Provide advice and resources for safe storage and disposal of injecting equipment.	
7	Refer individuals to other services according to identified need.	
8	Liaise with providers of other services in line with policies and protocol.	
9	Maintain records of the needle exchange service.	
10	Check that adequate stocks of injecting equipment are maintained.	
11	Check that injecting equipment is stored safely and securely.	

	Performance Criteria	Evidence Number where this criteria has been met
12	Dispense injecting equipment to individuals in line with the assessment of their needs.	
13	Demonstrate safe handling of dispensed injecting equipment.	
14	Carry out the exchange process discreetly and give out injecting equipment in a dispensing bag to maintain confidentiality.	
15	Do not handle returned injecting equipment, but direct individuals to place returned injecting equipment in the sharps bins themselves.	
16	Check that sharps bins are correctly assembled and never over-filled.	
17	Adhere to your organisations' needle exchange policies and procedures.	
18	Deal with any spillages and discarded needles and syringes using the appropriate materials.	
19	Maintain records of injecting equipment supply and exchange in line with organisational procedures.	
20	Maintain confidentiality in all matters relating to individuals using the exchange scheme.	

Knowledge and Understanding — Why and how you do what you do in your job

You must provide evidence of your knowledge and understanding to meet all the 22 knowledge points for this Unit. The knowledge points are grouped under headings to assist you with planning how best to meet them.

Place the number of the piece of work where each knowledge point has been met in the 'evidence number' box after each point.

	Knowledge and Understanding <i>You need to know and understand:</i>	Evidence Number where this knowledge point has been met
1	Legal and organisational procedures and requirements regarding the recording, storage and passing on of information relating to individuals and work undertaken with them.	
2	Policy guidelines and legislation for needle exchange with under-16s.	
3	Policy guidelines for working with individuals with learning difficulties.	
4	Health and safety legislation relevant to transportation and storage of used injecting equipment.	
5	Legal obligations and organisational policies regarding client confidentiality.	
6	Legal obligations and local policies regarding service provision for children and young people.	
7	Organisational policies and procedures for supply and exchange of injecting equipment.	
8	Potential benefits of brief interventions (eg referring individuals to other services).	
9	Complaints and appeals procedures which individuals can utilise.	
10	The range of substance misuse services offered by your organisation and other organisations.	

	Knowledge and Understanding <i>You need to know and understand:</i>	Evidence Number where this knowledge point has been met
11	The importance of keeping full and accurate records, and how to do so.	
12	The range of behaviours that can be expected from substance users, and how to deal with these.	
13	How to recognise and deal with immediate risk of danger to individuals who have used substances.	
14	Harm reduction techniques when using injecting equipment.	
15	The health risks associated with returned needles.	
16	How to dispose of needles safely.	
17	Potential blood borne viruses including HIV, Hepatitis B and C.	
18	How to provide safe sex advice.	
19	What to do in the event of a needle stick injury occurring.	
20	What constitutes adequate stocks of injecting equipment.	
21	How to provide a service with due regard for personal health and safety.	
22	The rights of individuals to equal access to substance misuse services.	

The candidate and assessor must only sign below when all Performance Criteria and knowledge points have been met.

Unit assessed as being complete

Candidate's name	
Candidate's signature	
Date submitted to Assessor as complete	

Assessor's name	
Assessor's signature	
Date assessed complete	

Internal Verification

To be completed in accordance with centre's internal verifier (IV) strategy.

Evidence for this Unit was sampled on the following date/s	Internal verifier's signature	Internal verifier's name

This Unit has been subject to an admin check in keeping with the centre's IV strategy.

Date of admin check	Internal verifier's signature	Internal verifier's name

Unit completion confirmed

Internal verifier's name	
Internal verifier's signature	
Date completed	