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*Welcome to the first DAAS newsletter of this year, covering exciting news and updates from Q1.*

**Make sure to check out our latest  
FREE upcoming training dates  
below!**



# Derbyshire Addictions Advice Service

## Training Team Newsletter

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Promoting Positive Change

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### Get to know us...

At Derbyshire Addictions Advice Service, we promote positive change through accredited counselling, specialised training, and our single point of contact HUB - because support should be easy to find, and even easier to access.

DAAS is a key partner of Derbyshire Recovery Partnership, commissioned by Derbyshire Public Health. With years of experience and a proven track record, DAAS is recognised for delivering high-quality training courses on a range of alcohol and substance use topics including identification and brief advice, within Derbyshire. Our training programmes empower frontline professionals by providing them with the practical skills and knowledge necessary to support patients in accessing treatment services. Delivered by highly experienced and qualified trainers, our courses are designed to be relevant, impactful, and up-to-date, ensuring that staff feel confident and prepared to engage with patients and stay informed on developments in treatment and recovery support services.

We ensure that our training remains effective, relevant, and enables professionals to provide valuable support to their patients.

**Are you working in health, social care, or community support?**

**Do you want to feel more confident having conversations around alcohol, drugs, and addiction-related harm?**

**Derbyshire  
Recovery  
Partnership**



*Working together to support change and recovery from drug and alcohol use*

We deliver FREE training for professionals like you - designed to build your knowledge and skills around brief interventions and supporting those affected by substance use.

Our training is;

- ✓ Perfect for anyone in frontline roles
- ✓ Great for boosting confidence in tackling sensitive issues
- ✓ Practical and engaging
- ✓ Open to professionals across Derbyshire

**Let's work together to make a difference - one conversation at a time!**  
**Spaces are limited, so don't miss out!**

### Upcoming Training Courses

May 14th - Substance (Drug) Awareness & Brief Interventions

May 20th - Addiction & Interventions in Substance Use

June 4th - Alcohol Awareness & Brief Interventions

June 10th - Substance (Drug) Awareness & Brief Interventions

June 19th - Addiction & Interventions in Substance Use

👉 **View all training sessions [here!](#)**

### Commercial Substance Use Awareness Training: A Step Toward a Safer Workplace

An update from one of our trainers, Teresa. I've had the pleasure of developing and delivering Substance Use Awareness sessions focusing on the impact on the workplace. This training was delivered to a large firm, which brought together employees from across the company. The aim was to provide essential knowledge to help keep the workplace safe and to increase awareness of the potential risks associated with substance use. The feedback has been overwhelmingly positive. Many found the sessions engaging, informative, and relevant to their day-to-day roles. The interactive elements, especially the alcohol unit game, were a big hit, making it easier for participants to retain the information and apply it practically.

**"Great presentation... a useful course for the whole business"**  
**Good clear delivery, factual and clear"**

We are thrilled to be involved in the **Lived Experience Career Pathway** for individuals affected by substance use. It's a collaborative project from Derbyshire County Council, Derbyshire Adult Community Education Service (DACES), Derbyshire treatment and recovery partners and DAAS. The initiative aims to encourage, educate and support those with lived experience of addiction to volunteer or work in the recovery field, enabling individuals to use their unique experience to help others.

**Lived  
Experience  
Career  
Pathway**

As part of the pathway, DAAS will be delivering the **Enhanced Skills Practice Course** which aims to empower learners to put their knowledge into practice, learn valuable information and techniques crucial to supporting individuals affected by addiction. The course has been developed with skills-practice in mind, providing learners with a supportive environment to put their lived experience and skills in to practice. The course also covers enhanced alcohol and substance awareness, brief intervention techniques, change resistance, professional boundaries, stigmas and trauma-informed practice. The Enhanced Skills Practice Course is delivered by our Training Team Leader, Olivia who has lived experience of addiction.

To find out more about the pathway go to GRID [www.growingrecoveryinderbyshire.co.uk](http://www.growingrecoveryinderbyshire.co.uk)

If you're supporting an individual who is interested in a career in the substance use field, they're welcome to come along to our peer support sessions; 30<sup>th</sup> May 3:30pm-5pm, and 27<sup>th</sup> June 10am-11:30am. Email Olivia at [training@daas.uk.com](mailto:training@daas.uk.com) for the Microsoft Teams link.

### Did you know that we're Matrix accredited?

This ensures that the individuals who access our service receive high quality and appropriate advice, information and guidance. DAAS ensures individuals have the necessary information to make choices about what they need, the options available to them and how to access help.



### DAAS Staff Spotlight

This editions staff spotlight is on our new Hub Team Leader – Aisha! Aisha has been with us since April 2024, initially employed as a HUB Worker and in less than a year she has progressed to take on the role of HUB Team Leader! Well done Aisha!!

### Service Talks - Do you know what treatment is available in Derbyshire?

We offer free service talks for professionals in Derbyshire. It's a chance to learn about Derbyshire Recovery Partnership, how to refer and what support is available for clients struggling with alcohol or drug use.

Email the Training Team to find out more [training@daas.uk.com](mailto:training@daas.uk.com)



Thank you for reading our newsletter. We hope you enjoyed it, please keep a look for our next edition in Summer 2025. Until that time please check out our training and share it with any colleagues.

Go to our website [www.daas.uk.com](http://www.daas.uk.com) if you need further information

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