

## Emergency Medicine Standard Operating Procedures

### Drug Substance Misuse

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#### Aim and scope of Standard Operating Procedure

#### Target Staff Categories

All patients who attend the emergency department as a result of drug misuse (as opposed to deliberate overdose) eg. heroin should be:

- Offered a leaflet with the contact details of organisations that can help them. This can be printed off from the 'Advice Sheet' section of Patient First.
- Offered a chance to speak to one of our alcohol liaison nurses who are all trained in substance misuse counselling. If the alcohol liaison team are not on duty then the patient details can be left for them and will endeavour to try to make contact with patient – please ensure you have an appropriate telephone number for the patient.