



Component level	2
Component guided learning hours (GLH)	24
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Component sector	14.1 Foundations for Learning and Life

Component summary

This component aims to introduce learners to the types of drug available, their effect on users and the impact of drug misuse on those linked to drug user, the user's own health and finally, issues associated with withdrawal from drug use.

This component has **seven** learning outcomes

1	Know about the differences between types of drugs
2	Know the causes of drug misuse
3	Know about the physical and psychological effects of drug misuse
4	Understand the implications of drug misuse on others
5	Understand some of the health issues associated with drug misuse
6	Know the effects of withdrawing from drugs
7	Know some of the agencies offering help and information on drug misuse

Summary of assessment

This component is assessed through an internally set, internally marked, and externally verified portfolio of evidence. Our expectations on assessment and the evidence we require is detailed in the AIM Specification available on our website (www.aimgroup.org.uk).

Centres must devise assessment activities to meet the assessment criteria below if the assessment is by a portfolio of evidence:

Learning outcomes	Assessment criteria
The learner must:	The learner must be able to:
1. Know about the differences between types of drugs	1.1 Identify different types of drugs e.g. stimulants, depressants, hallucinogens and pain reducing drugs 1.2 Classify those identified drugs e.g. Class A, Class B etc
2. Know the causes of drug misuse	2.1 Explain possible reasons as to why people may misuse drugs
3. Know about the physical and psychological effects of drug misuse	3.1 Explain some of the physical effects of drug misuse 3.2 Explain some of the psychological effects of drug misuse

4. Understand the implications of drug misuse on others	4.1 Explain the possible effects that drug misuse can have on others e.g. family, friends and society
5. Understand some of the health issues associated with drug misuse	5.1 Outline some of the ways in which drug misuse can impact on physical and emotional health e.g. HIV, hepatitis B and C, psychosis, sexual health etc
6. Know the effects of withdrawing from drugs	6.1 Describe the effects of withdrawing from drugs
7. Know some of the agencies offering help and information on drug misuse	7.1 List some sources of help and information related to drug abuse 7.2 Explain how the sources of help and information differ from one another

The following assessment methods can be used in the assessment of this component:

- Written tasks/questions and answers
- Oral questions and answers
- Group discussion
- Learner log/reflective journal
- Observation of practical ability
- Expert witness evidence
- Professional discussion
- Report

This list is not exhaustive and other appropriate assessment methods may be used.

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Notes

It is expected that before the component is delivered, the Tutor/Assessor will have read the Qualification Specification to ensure all conditions regarding Rules of Combination, delivery, assessment and internal quality assurance are fulfilled.