

## Medicines Management for Support Workers

**Course Duration:** 3 hours

**Number of Delegates:** Maximum 15 delegates

### Aims

The Medicines Management workshop is aimed at all support workers involved in the administration of medication, including those looking after adults/children with disabilities. The session facilitates an overview of the accountabilities and responsibilities of this worker within this context and provides a comprehensive theoretical underpinning to safe medicine administration.

### Suitability:

All individuals working in Health and Social Care sector, Care staff (adults and children's), seniors, deputies, managers.

### Course Objectives:

- Describe the key legislation and guidance relating to the safe handling of medicines
- Identify how organisational policies and procedures ensure the safe handling of medicines
- For a range of care settings and non-medical care staff, outline the process for the prescribing, dispensing, obtaining and checking of medicines
- Outline the range of support and guidance available relating to medicines and explain the importance of confidentiality relating to disclosure about individuals' medication
- Identify the types, purpose and classification of medicines commonly administered
- Explain the routes by which medicines may be administered, the related rules for administration and level of competence required
- Outline the importance of checking for, recognising and reporting effects that can occur as a result of an adverse reaction, a contraindication or an interaction between medicines
- Explain the need to gain consent and undertake risk assessment prior to the self or secondary administration of medicines
- Describe the importance of the preparation for and administration of medicines to ensure accuracy

- Identify the importance of accurate recording for the administration and refusal of medicines and administration errors
- Recognise the requirements to validate the accuracy of safe storage and recording for medicines and for their safe disposal

## **Methods Used:**

Power-point

Groupwork

Discussions

Exercises/scenarios

Hand-outs

Evaluation

## **Trainer biography – Gerry Brophy**

Gerry Brophy is an experienced nurse clinician, Mental Nurse, solution focused therapist and adult social care trainer, who trains multi-disciplinary groups in a wide variety of health and social care topics in both clinical and managerial areas. These include Learning Disability, Mental Health, Dementia and Elderly Care. Gerry has substantial experience training local authority staff in the Mental Capacity Act and Quality Assurance framework, as well as multi-disciplinary teams on the Framework for NHS Funded Continuing Healthcare. He also trains Social Health Care teams on the Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards. Gerry brings a wealth of experience and knowledge to his training and his courses continuously evolve through regular research and development. He is a popular and well-liked trainer.

## **Testimonials**

“Put on this course again asap! My staff couldn’t get on it because it was demand was so high! Excellent!” (Registered Manager, London)

“Very interesting & very informative” (Social Worker, London)

“Good trainer and it was an informative course” (Support Worker, London)

“A very interesting, informative and thought provoking day” (Support Worker, London)

“Very happy with the course. Gerry was very good. Well presented” (Volunteer, London)