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Unit



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1 Unit Details

Unit Title:	Substance Misuse Terminology and Basic Concepts
Unit Code:	PS2/2/WR/018
Level:	Level 2
Credit Value:	3

2 Learning Outcomes and Criteria

Learning Outcome (The Learner will):	Assessment Criterion (The Learner can):
1. Understand what the term 'substance' means.	1.1 Define the term 'substance' as used in the context of this field.
2. Understand why people use substances.	2.1 Describe the different reasons that people use substances.
3. Understand the types of use and key terms.	3.1 Describe the different types of substance use: a) Experimental b) Recreational c) Problematic drug use d) Drug misuse e) Drug abuse f) Chaotic drug use g) Psychological Dependence h) Physical Dependence i) Addiction
4. Understand the different drug groups.	4.1 Describe the 5 different drug groups: a) Stimulants b) Hallucinogens c) Analgesics d) Depressants e) Drugs with mixed effects

5. Understand the legal classification of substances.	5.1 Describe the main classification of drugs under the current Misuse of Drugs Act.
	5.2 List and describe the offences and penalties under the current Misuse of Drugs Act.
6. Know and understand the modes of administration.	6.1 List and describe 4 modes of administration in order of efficacy and name one substance that may be administered in each way.
7. Understand the link between tolerance, dependence and withdrawal.	7.1 Describe tolerance.
	7.2 Describe dependence.
	7.3 Describe withdrawal.