Appendix 2: Comprehensive Assessment - Minimum Standard Guidance

Date of Assessment

Core Demographic and Client Details

• Name, Address, Contact number, DOB, Identification No., Ethnicity, Gender

Name, Address, Contact Number of GP

Medical Card/ Other

Name, Address, Contact Number of next of Kin

Name, Address, Contact Number of referrer / referring agency

Name, Address, Contact numbers of other agencies attending

Reasons for referral

Presenting problems/ Complaints/

• History of presenting problems/Complaints

Current Drug and Alcohol use

- Amount, frequency, mode of use, duration of use, age of 1st use
- Evidence of harmful use/ dependence
- Evidence of withdrawal symptoms/ intoxication
- Financial costs of use and means of financing use.
- Consequences of Alcohol/ drug use: Health, social, economic, legal

Current Physical Health and symptoms/ Ill health/ disabilities

Current Mental Health / Psychological symptoms

Current assessment of risk behaviours

Current Medications Prescribed

Past History of Drug and Alcohol use:

- Age of 1st use, Progression of use
- Age of 1st injecting
- History of Overdoses

Past treatments for Drug and Alcohol Use

• Places of Treatment/ Type of Treatment

Past Medical History

- Past viral testing and results
- Vaccination History
- Past Operations/illnesses/diseases

Past Psychiatric History /Past Mental Health Issues

- Diagnosis, Treatment, Consultant and Service attended
- Any episodes of Deliberate Self Harm

Family History/ Family Structure/ Supports

• Any Family History of Addiction or mental health problems

Personal History:

- School, Education, Problems in school
- Highest educational level achieved
- Courses / training schemes
- Employment history / Current employment status

Social History / Social Functioning.

- Accommodation
- Living arrangements
- Children
- Relationships with partner / spouse/ family/ friends
- Hobbies/ Activities/ Social outlets / Supports
- Spiritual and Religious matters
- Cultural and Ethnic factors.
- Financial Situation and benefits received/ Medical Card

Criminal History /Legal Issues

- Past charges, conviction, prison sentences
- Current charges, court cases, convictions
- Probation Officer/ Solicitor

Assessment of Motivation and Readiness to change

Assessment of Goals:

• Service user's goals and their own assessment of need.

Formulation/ Diagnosis/ Assessment of Needs

Care Plan/ Management Plan

- Biological Markers: Urinalysis, bloods, physical examination if appropriate
- Referrals to others / other agencies to support identified needs
- Interventions required: Biological, Psychological, Social, Rehabilitation
- Residential treatment / treatment in the community
- Identification of unmet need / service deficit.

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