

Connections

Integrated responses to drugs and infections across European criminal justice systems

CONNECTIONS Placements

Under the placements activity, representatives from service providers, mainly from Eastern European countries, will be offered the opportunity to undertake individual placements for a period of 2 weeks within a single drugs agency in the UK to observe and participate in the services offered by the agency.

Host organisations in the UK represent agencies providing drug and alcohol criminal justice related services within the greater London area. They have been chosen for the capacity to provide a model of existing services in the UK and for the availability to dedicate some of their time and expertise to supervise the trainees who will be placed within their agency.

Five people have been selected for placements among the many who applied in early 2009. Placements will take place in the UK (London and Canterbury) from the 5 to the 16 October 2009.

All placements were discussed and planned in advance with a contract agreed between the individual and the host organisation detailing range of tasks to be undertaken, learning goals and named supervisor within the host organisation.

Within one month after the placement, participants will be expected to produce a report on the learning and particularly on the implications for their own work and that of their agency. Also, participants will be required to organise at least one dissemination meeting (local or wider) on their experience and learning from the placement and to report back to the organisers.

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