



Contact Details

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**If no one is available leave a message on the answering machine
guided by the voice prompts**

Information for Staff



Acute Addiction Liaison Nurse Service



**Linking Hospitals with the
Community for Patients with
Drug and Alcohol Problems**



The primary function of Acute Addiction Liaison Service is to assess the nature and degree of addiction experienced by patients while they are in an acute hospital environment.

Patients

A range of interventions are offered depending on the individual patient's needs and the undernoted are principal elements of the service

- Screening and assessment
- Motivational work
- Alcohol brief intervention
- Harm reduction (including overdose prevention and BBVs)
- Coping skills
- Relapse prevention
- Advice and education
- Information and literature e.g. drink diaries, information leaflets, self help web sites
- Facilitate referral to appropriate support services

Acute Staff

The acute addiction liaison nurse service acts as a resource for support and advice to acute staff regarding withdrawal management and care planning for patients with problem alcohol and/or drug use, in particular supporting implementation of the Glasgow Assessment and Management of Alcohol (GMAWS) and the Guidelines on the Management of Drug Misusers in Glasgow and Clyde Acute Hospitals.

Where a patient is already open to a community specialist service the acute addiction liaison nurse services facilitate communication with the service re the patient's hospital admission, and gather any relevant information. Where patients are not registered with a community support

service the addiction liaison services act as a link between acute and specialist community services making referrals on behalf of patients to facilitate seamless transition for follow up/ongoing support post hospital discharge.

There are 3 Acute Addiction Liaison Service teams who work in acute covering the following hospitals:

Glasgow

Glasgow Royal Infirmary
Queen Elizabeth University Hospital
Vale of Leven
Victoria Infirmary ACH / Stobhill ACH
Gartnavel General
Golden Jubilee Hospital

Inverclyde

Inverclyde Royal Hospital

Renfrewshire

Royal Alexandria Hospital

Operating hours for referrals can be made between the hours of 08.30am – 4.30pm, Monday to Friday, although a 24 hour telephone answer machine is also in operation.

The acute addiction liaison services strives to see everyone within 24 hours of referral Mon-Fri or next working day if weekends.