

Drug misuse:

Red flag questions:

Do you use any recreational drugs, or any other substances?

What drugs do you use? Do you inject drugs? (Assess for HIV/hepatitis risk.)

How is your mood? Do you have thoughts of self harm?

Do you work? What do you do?

Who do you live with? Are there any children in the house hold, or that you have responsibility for?

Have you been in trouble with the police at all?

Do you drive?

Provide:

Perhaps you would like to take a look at the talk to Frank website. Talk to Frank can allow you to get honest drug information. But if you are noticing that drugs are harming you, or your friends or family, our local wearrecovery organisation is a confidential place where you can get help. Should I give you their contact details?

We can help with your use of..... We can arrange for you to see my colleague who runs clinics for people who need help with drug and alcohol use. They work as part of a team who can offer you support.

Safety Net:

There are a few things to look out for if you are injecting drugs. If you ever notice an injection site is hot, red, sore and swollen please come and let us see it in case it is infected. If you begin to feel unwell in yourself with a high temperatures, shivers and sweats then please contact us urgently. If you think you ever have a fit, funny turn, or are feeling drowsy then you need to call 999 or see a doctor urgently.

Please let us know, or contact the local GUM clinic, if you think you might need to be tested for HIV or hepatitis or any other diseases that might be transmitted by unsafe injections or sexual practices.

The on-call doctor is happy to see you if you are vomiting, have black tarry poo, have severe tummy pain, or feel suicidal.