

Alcohol Liaison Forum

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The Alcohol Liaison Forum will take place on Wednesday 28th March in the conference room at the Soho Centre for Health and Care (Frith Street in Central London).

The event will be free to all nurses, alcohol and/or drugs workers with an interest in alcohol liaison at hospitals or other settings. Other interested parties (commissioners, service managers) may wish to enquire about availability of places.

The main emphasis will be alcohol liaison work in hospitals and health care settings, but staff from other settings are encouraged to attend - especially colleagues developing alcohol work at primary care, criminal justice and domestic violence services.

We are pleased to announce several key speakers with an interest in this work:

Mr Robin Touquet - St Mary's Hospital consultant and champion of A&E liaison.

Dr Allan Thomson - Honorary Senior Lecturer, University College.

Dr Irene Guerrini - Associate Specialist in Addiction, Senior Research Scientist, University College.

Dr Robert Patton - Health Service Research Coordinator, National Addiction Centre.

Proposed presentations are:

- Development and implementation of screening and referral for hospital liaison services.
- Hospital guidelines for alcohol withdrawal management.
- Wernicke-Korsakoffs Encephalopathy—diagnosis and treatment
- Hospital staff attitudes to screening and referral—a round table discussion with hospital doctors and nurses who have taken part in these projects.

The first **Substance Misuse Liaison Nurses Conference** was held in Birmingham in October 2006. Attendees felt we should keep in touch to discuss the issues of such work, especially with increasing developments in alcohol liaison in hospitals. It is hoped that local forums will be set up, but meanwhile such work is still isolated, and so this intermediate forum was suggested for Spring 2007.

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PRESENTATIONS CONFIRMED

(Order of some speakers to be finalised on the day, as some may run concurrently to give attendees a choice of smaller discussion groups, should further speakers come forward)

WERNICKE-KORSAKOFF CLINICAL ASPECTS from diagnosis to treatment and prevention.

Dr Allan Thomson, Hon. Senior Lecturer, University College & Irene Guerrini Associate Specialist in Addictions, Bexley SMS

ALCOHOL PROBLEMS IN A&E - RESEARCHING THE INTERVENTIONS

Robert Patton, Health Service Research Coordinator, National Addiction Centre.

DEVELOPMENT OF ALCOHOL SCREENING and LIAISON

Moya Forsythe, Rachel Cloudesley & Ruth Cooke, AASCI, Alcohol Liaison at University College Hospital, Whittington Hospital & Royal Free Hospital (Camden & Islington).

ALCOHOL WITHDRAWAL MANAGEMENT

Adrian Brown, Alcohol Nurse Specialist at St Mary's Hospital, Paddington (Westminster).

ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION—Attitudes to alcohol, screening and referral, as perceived by hospital staff. This will be an opportunity to find what helps motivate colleagues to consider their patients' drinking and make referrals for brief intervention

It is hoped that attendees will bring along their own policies, procedures and guidelines to share best practice, and move towards developing local support networks for hospital liaison workers.

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| 10.30 am | Arrival, registration and coffee |
| 11.00 am | Introduction by Robin Touquet |
| 11.15 am | Presentation 1: Allan Thomson & Irene Guerrini |
| 12.15 pm | PRESENTATION 2 tbc |
| 1.00 pm | LUNCH & Networking opportunity |
| 1.45 pm | Presentation 3: Robert Patton |
| 2.15 pm | PRESENTATION 4 tbc |
| 2.45 pm | ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION
<i>Attitudes to alcohol, screening and referral</i> |
| 3.30 pm | Closing comments & feedback |
| 4.15 pm | Event ends |

FINDING THE SOHO CENTRE FOR HEALTH & CARE

(Report to reception on the ground floor.)

1 Frith Street, London, W1D 3HZ

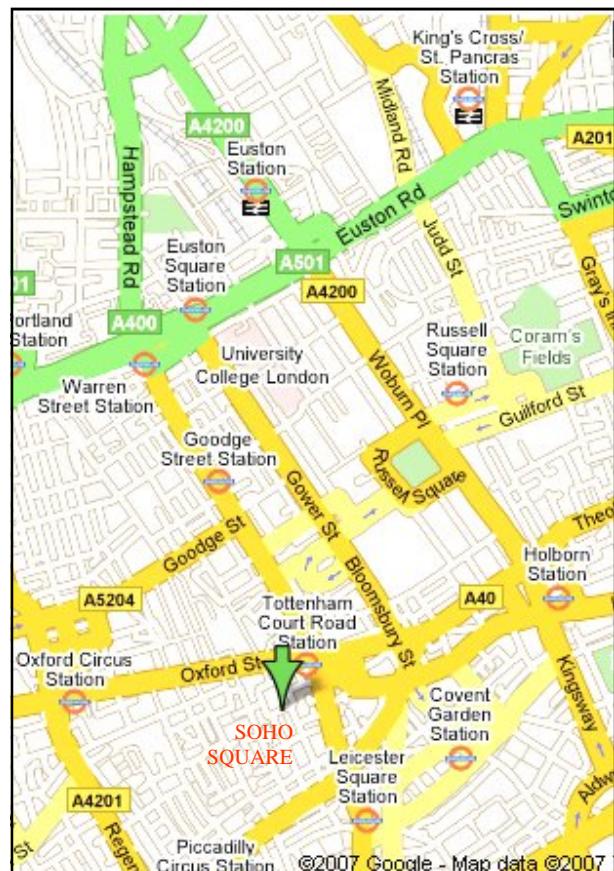
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Buses from all mainline rail stations.



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