



# Forth Valley ADPs

## Staying Alive - Preventing Drug-related Deaths

### Overview

There were 867 drug related deaths in Scotland in 2016. This course will discuss how services and individuals can better prevent drug related deaths. It will explore the reasons why drug related deaths occur, highlight recent research on protective factors including engaging in treatment and discuss how workers can support people to access and stay in treatment.

### Aims

The course is aimed primarily at frontline staff and managers of frontline services, however it is also relevant to services which support people who use substances, such as housing and homelessness services.

### Learning Outcomes

By the end of the session participants will be able to:

- Identify the physical, mental and social issues experienced by people who use drugs.
- Describe the impact of multiple exclusions on service engagement.
- Recall the risk factors and protective factors for preventing drug related deaths.
- Identify the barriers for people who use drugs to accessing and being retained in services.
- Identify the reasons why service users engage in high risk behaviours and explore strategies to address.
- Recall strategies to engage and retain people in treatment.
- Recognise when to refer on/collaborate with partner agencies.
- Identify techniques to promote staff resilience.

**Date:** 20 August 2019 - Training will run from 9.30am - 4.30pm.

**Venue:** Raploch Community Campus, Drip Road, Stirling FK8 1RD.

## Booking Information:

To book a place please follow this link: [\*\*STAYING ALIVE\*\*](#)

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