



# HERTFORDSHIRE DRUG EDUCATION FORUM

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**Drugs Training Received:**

- 1994 DrugCare Level 1 & 2 basic drug awareness (DrugCare)
- 1994 Training the Trainer (Herts Youth Service)
- 1995 Drugs & Homelessness (DrugCare)
- 1995 Britlofex & heroin substitutes (DrugCare)
- 1996 Needle Exchange awareness (Drugcare)
- 1996 Drugs & Young People conference (DfES / Ministry of Sound)
- 1997 The Seven Habits of Highly Effective People (DrugCare)
- 2001 – 2002 Certificate in Drug Awareness Studies (CSF / DEF)
- 2002 School Drug Advisors training: Level 1 (Terry Brown, DfES)
- 2002 School Drug Advisors training: Level 2 (Terry Brown, DfES)
- 2002 Protective Behaviour: day 1 (PB-UK / Fiona Edwards)
- 2002 Protective Behaviour: day 2 (PB-UK / Fiona Edwards)
- 2002 Peer Mentoring (Amanda Broudala)
- 2003 National Health Education Group Annual Conference (NHEG)
- 2003 Harm Reduction Seminar (DrugScope)
- 2003 Drugs & Young People, 1-day course (TACADE)
- 2004 Drugs: Guidance for Schools training (DfES)
- 2004 Crack Cocaine & Young People in Herts (Herts DEF)
- 2004 Training in Presentation Skills: Day 1 (Young People's Substance Misuse Team, Herts DEF)
- 2004 Training in Presentation Skills: Day 2 (Young People's Substance Misuse Team, Herts DEF)
- 2005 One week study visit to Estonia – responding to violence and drug related incidents within schools (ARION, British Council)
- 2005 Launch of Drug Intervention Programme (DIPS)
- 2005 Cannabis & Young People seminar (Herts DEF)
- 2005 Methamphetamine Level 2 (COCA)
- 2005 Alcohol Problems: Prevention and treatment (DrugScope)
- 2006 Alcohol & Young People in Herts seminar (Herts DEF)
- 2006 Association of Chief Police Officers: Joining Forces (ACPO & DrugScope)
- 2006 Steroids, other performance and image enhancing drugs: Communicating messages to users (HIT)
- 2006 Understanding Drugs: Drug education pack for Key Stage 3 (DfES)
- 2007 Challenging Perceptions of Alcohol (Herts DAAT)
- 2007 RELEASE 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary conference

**Disclosure Date:** July 2007

**Member of Professional Body:** DrugScope, Hertfordshire DEF.

<b>Professional Qualifications:</b>	1994 Basic Drug Awareness levels 1 & 2 (DrugCare) 1994 Training the Trainer (Herts Youth Service) 2002 Certificate in Drug Awareness Studies (notional NVQ Level 2) 2002 School Drug Education Advisor training (DfES / Terry Brown) 13 years of work in the field of drugs comprising of 7 years working in drug treatment services across Herts and 6 years in preventative work for Herts County Council.
<b>Key Skills:</b>	Providing support, advice, information and training to teachers, LSAs, NQTs and governors across all 4 Key Stages. Working with vulnerable or 'at risk' pupils. Providing training for professionals working with young people.
<b>Specific Topics Offered:</b>	Developing and updating school drug policies. Responding to possible drug related incidents. Training staff in basic drug awareness. (including: Appearance, effects & categorisation of drugs. Signs & symptoms of use / misuse. Drugs & the law. Drug related paraphernalia. Models of use & addiction. Pharmacology. Historical, religious and cultural usage. Slang terminology. Drugs and media influence. Treatment services and modes of referral. Benefits & risks of use. Most & least dangerous substances. Drugs and young people.) Providing practical lesson plans across all 4 Key Stages. Promotion of local & national guidance and campaigns. Developing and promoting appropriate resources.
<b>Ethos:</b>	Drugs are a reality in today's society and they permeate every facet of our lives regardless of race, creed, colour or class. Subsequently, I strive to provide honest, accurate and up-to-date information to all audiences. I employ recognised and approved harm reduction methods and aim to provide young people with the tools to enable them to make informed choices. Every young person has the right to drug education and I believe that this should be as enjoyable and engaging for them as possible.
<b>Education Delivered:</b>	Education / Training delivered: Too much to list. Recipients have included – Nursery / Primary School staff Middle / Secondary School staff Special School / Education Support Centre staff Herts County Music Service staff Newly Qualified Teachers (NQTs) Learning Support Assistants (LSAs) CSF Workers School Governors Parents / Carers Police officers School Nurses Pupils / Students Connexions Personal Advisors Hospital & Home Education Service staff Midday supervisors
<b>Costs:</b>	My time to schools is paid for from the Pooled Budget for Young People's Substance Misuse Services, and is therefore FREE.
<b>Availability:</b>	Availability: I am the only HCC Consultant for drug education and work with all 550 schools across the county. Unfortunately this means that there is usually a waiting list of between 2 and 6 weeks before I can visit schools, (with the exception of emergencies, such as responding to possible drug related incidents). Schools which have not received a visit in over 2yrs are my immediate priority. Emails are the best way to contact me.