

BEST PRACTICE WHEN WORKING WITH PRISONERS

Identifying Spice use amongst prisoners can be more difficult than other prohibited activity. The following may help you to spot the signs and help support those affected:

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CHANGES:

Look out for noticeable changes in behaviour and physical appearance; i.e weight loss, becoming withdrawn from social interaction or confusion.

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CHALLENGES:

Positively challenge known/suspected Spice use. Assure prisoners that support is available.

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REFERRALS:

Make referrals to substance misuse providers for psychosocial interventions, including 1:1 and support groups.

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PARTNERSHIPS:

Ensure you are working closely with substance misuse, healthcare and offender management providers. To properly address drug use you need all these teams to be involved.

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HARM REDUCTION:

Provide basic harm reduction advice, as a minimum, for those prisoners unable to engage fully with psychosocial support.

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CREATE ADVOCATES:

Engage prisoners in supporting education and awareness campaigns.

