

DHSP
DENTISTS' HEALTH
SUPPORT PROGRAMME



Association of Dental Groups

Addiction Awareness

Alcohol and drug abuse is a prevalent issue in the UK and can affect anyone – even dentists.

It is thought that up to 17 million working days are lost each year due to alcohol-related sickness alone.¹

While this number is reflective of the working population in its entirety, dentistry shares a proportion of this statistic, and it's a problem that must be dealt with.

There are similar concerns with drug addiction, which is why initiatives such as the Dentists' Health Support Programme (DHSP) remain crucial in the rehabilitation of dental professionals.

Governed by dentists, DHSP facilitates intervention, diagnosis, treatment, support, recovery and reintegration and is committed to providing much needed on-going case management.

As a supporter of the life-changing services that DHSP offers, the Association of Dental Groups (ADG) urges you to remain aware of the importance of this issue.

For more information about the ADG visit www.dentalgroups.co.uk

¹ National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence (June 2010), 'Business case: Alcohol-use disorders: preventing harmful drinking', p. 13