WORKPLACE TESTING AND TREATMENT

- AN ESSENTIAL COMBINATION
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Worked in Drug & Alcohol treatment for 30 years in various settings. 'street' to Priory.

All services in full conjunction with D&A testing lft,mcv,cdt,urine,hair,swabs etc. Imaginative urine – scripts

Set up and managed TFL drug and Alcohol programme.

Most comprehensive integrated drug and alcohol programme in Europe. Developed ideas about relationship between testing and treatment

Testing in workplace without offering treatment or help is NOT an option.

Legal problems as well as short sighted, counter productive and irresponsible.

Testing alone, FOR ME, is going through the motions

Introduction of work place testing will always create hostility.

This will come from staff side who recent life style restrictions

Will not come from those with serious problems.

Career addicts, can often beat urine testing

unless technicians trained by addictions experts AND have character.

Active alcoholics takes hostages.

Target population is alcoholics and addicts, NOT party goers or heavy drinkers. With Education they will sort themselves out.

TFL treat 70 per year, two thirds diagnosed as substance dependent.

Drug testing and cannabis smokers is a study in its self

Until/unless, people see the overall process as benign, fair and effective, junior managers, supervisors, will collude to defeat the system.

Examples abound!!!

TIP-OFFS!!

YOU HAVE TO CHANGE THE CULTURE

TESTING is not just for safety. A huge incentive to get employees to seek help

- In 12months following introduction of testing, referral's to TFL service DOUBLED.
 - By 3 years it had quadrupled.
 - But you must DELIVER or it crumbles.Example BCV.

No one should offer helping services without the presence of a experienced addiction treatment professional who knows the business.

Not to do so is to invite chaos.

The work place is proven as an astonishingly effective place for D and A treatment interventions. Figures confirm. Outcomes/Attendance.

Each organisation can design its own integrated programme in order to meet the needs and resources of the company and individual

▶ TESTING AND TREATMENT WORK TOGETHER.

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