



# Free Alcohol Training

Birmingham Drug Alcohol Action Team, has commissioned Alcohol Concern, the national agency on alcohol misuse, to deliver Identification and Brief Advice training in the Birmingham area. This evidence-based course will help you to confidently identify and direct a problem drinker to help. This course is aimed at Tier 1 staff such as GPs, Nurses, Social Workers, Police Officers, Pharmacists, Mental Health Teams, Care Workers and ASBO Officers.

## Why is this happening?

### Every year:

- UK total annual cost of alcohol misuse, £25 billion
- 360,000 acts of alcohol-related domestic violence
- £6.4 billion is lost to the economy through alcohol-related sickness, absence and death
- In some areas one third of child protection cases involve alcohol
- Nationally one million children are affected by a parent's alcohol-related problem
- Almost half of all violence is alcohol-related

The increase in alcohol consumption has seen hospital admissions rise by 50% in five years, because alcohol affects:

- Heart Disease • Breast Cancer • Throat Cancer • Strokes • Brain Damage
- Liver Cirrhosis • Mental Disorders • Alcohol Poisoning • Stomach Ulcers