

# CERTA – Current Issues in Novel Psychoactive Substance Misuse – Level 2 Award

**Dates & Times** Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> March 2017  
Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> April 2017  
Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> May 2017  
Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> June 2017  
Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> July 2017

Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> August 2017  
Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> September 2017  
Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> October 2017  
Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> November 2017  
Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> December 2017

**Times are: 9.30am till 4.30pm**

**Location** **January – March 2017** will be held at: Fishing Heritage Centre, Alexandra Dock, Grimsby, DN31 1UZ.

**April – December 2017** will be held at: NELC - Civic Offices, Cleethorpes, DN35 8LN

**Cost** There will be a charge of £55 per person for delegates living or working in North East Lincolnshire. This **MUST** be made prior to the date of the course. Cheques should be made payable to "**North East Lincolnshire Council**".  
Lunch is not provided but light refreshments will be provided throughout the day.

**Cancellation Info** Please note that delegates who fail to attend or who give less than 5 working days notice of their intention to cancel will be charged the full course fee. Cancellations should be emailed to [LifestyleServices@nelincs.gov.uk](mailto:LifestyleServices@nelincs.gov.uk)

**Aims** The aim of this one day accredited course is to provide training that will raise awareness of new issues in the field of psychoactive drugs. Information will be given about Novel Psychoactive Substances (commonly referred to as 'legal highs') including their history, spread, available types and the risks presented by them. The course is relevant to anyone who needs an overview of the issues surrounding psychoactive substance use, such as: professionals in the social care and justice sectors, voluntary and community sector workers, parents and those wishing to broaden their own knowledge.

**Please Note: This course contains information on the Psychoactive Substances Act 2016 which came into force on 24<sup>th</sup> May 2016.**

**Learning Outcomes** By the end of the course, the learner will be able to meet the following objectives:  
Have knowledge of a range of Novel Psychoactive Substances.  
Have an understanding of how new technologies influence access to Novel Psychoactive Substances.  
Have an understanding of current legislation relating to Novel Psychoactive Substances.  
Have an understanding of what motivates individuals to use Novel Psychoactive Substances.

**Content** The taught material will have reference to the Drug & Alcohol National Occupational Standards (DANOS). Learners will gain an understanding of:

- Types of Novel Psychoactive Substances and their effects on the body and brain
- How Novel Psychoactive Substances are bought and sold on the internet
- How new technologies affect accessibility of Novel Psychoactive Substances
- Legislation used to control the sale of Novel Psychoactive Substances
- Potential changes in legislation
- What motivates different users