

Medication Awareness

Personal Assistants, and Carers, are often placed in the position of administering medicines. It is therefore essential that they understand the complexities of medication for the safety of their Service Users.

This course is an initial look at medication for someone who is possibly new to the industry or someone who's previous job role has not included needing a basic understanding of medication. It seeks to clarify the difference between a medicine and a drug, looking at the grouping of medicines, types and formats, routes and prescriptions.

This course complements the administration of medication course. To follow on and complete the administration of medication the student **must** have first completed the awareness course.

This Half or full day course covers the following:

- The law behind medications/ Legal categories of medicines
- Good practise guidelines on medication
- Formats, shapes and types of medication
- Common types of medication including Homely and herbal medicines
- Prescriptions, colours, types and legal requirements
- Storing, disposal and correct recording of medication



Training Methods: Lectures, and group discussions. Introduction to and demonstration of medication types, categories and holding devices

Assessment: is a thorough observation of practical elements and a written test paper which is marked by the Tutor and is then verified by an assessor, for Quality Assurance purposes. To gain a certificate a course mark in excess of 80% is required. On successful completion of the course, students will receive a Certificate which will remain valid for one year from date of issue.

Employers will receive all necessary paperwork to provide an auditable paper trail