EPPIC Exchanging Prevention practices on Polydrug use among youth in Criminal justice systems

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Quality standards in EU

• EDPQS
• EQUS
• COUNCIL CONCLUSIONS 2015
Use of Quality standards in EU

Quality Standards are becoming common in EU countries. A recent EMCDDA survey found that at least 80% of the reporting countries published some type of guidelines to support the implementation of demand reduction practices, and 60% report the use of quality standards.
Strength of Quality Standards in EU
The EPPIC standards characteristic

Very specific target;

Difficult environment;

Address professionals;
2. **Governing structures and processes** are in place to ensure delivery of high quality interventions.

4. Young people’s multiple vulnerabilities and complex needs are at the center of interventions and are effectively addressed.

5. An appropriate **bundle of intervention** options is provided.

6. **Continuity of care** within and between services and community interventions is ensured.
1. Interventions targeting drug use among young people in contact with CJS are evidence-informed and assessed for effectiveness.

3. Screening and assessment for drug use among young people in contact with CJS is undertaken as part of a comprehensive assessment.
7. Young people's participation in designing and implementing an intervention is promoted and ensured as far as possible at every stage of intervention.

8. Equity and non-discrimination are ensured within interventions targeting drug use among young people in contact with CJS.
9. Practitioners demonstrate professional competence.

10. Practitioners respect ethical principles and professional codes of practice.
The EPPIC standards suggestions

Provide training (experience based training);

Stress the importance of applying all the 10 standards (for example S3 isolated is risky);

Collect experiences of implementation;

Evaluate (by setting measurable context specific objectives and measure their achievement);

Hear young people’s opinion
What can the EMCDDA do?

Support dissemination through the BPP;

Host in our website;

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In memory of Stefano Cucchi

Read his story here
https://www.theguardian.com/world/2019/apr/10/stefano-cucchi-italian-police-trial-francesco-tedesco

Stefano Cucchi: How one death in custody has become the symbol of police brutality in Italy