

Dear DoH Consultation Team,

I went to the excellent consultation day in Bristol last November, and would like to contribute some comments for the consultation process. I have also sent by post some materials I've been involved in writing - a blood test result sheet for brief interventions, a home detox information pack, and also an article I wrote for the Practitioner journal for GP's on brief interventions for people with alcohol problems.

I work as a doctor and group therapist at the Robert Smith Unit, a specialist NHS outpatient assessment and treatment clinic of the Bristol Area Specialist Alcohol Service. I've been in this job for over ten years, and before this I worked as a GP. I am particularly interested in psychological treatments for people with alcohol problems and have been much involved in developing brief intervention training for GP's and other primary care workers. Please do get in touch with me if you'd like to discuss any of these points further.

With best wishes

Dr Chris Johnstone