

Spotlight on Lisa Ward

Senior Social Worker – ERP



I have worked for the Alcohol and Drug Service (ADS) as a Substance Misuse Social Worker since qualifying with a BSc Hons degree in Social Work from The University of Lincoln in 2011.

Initially my role included working in Bridlington part time, and then on to Goole full time. When I first started with the service I had little knowledge but soon developed with the amazing support from my peers and lots of supported learning. In my first role I was responsible for a full caseload of service users, mainly working with patients with opiate replacement prescribing. I had the opportunity to have a secondment as a senior social worker for 12 months. Part of this role involved supporting the management of prescribing and also drug screening in order to monitor risks and help support service users recovery.

After 4 years in Goole I helped to set up a Community Drug and Alcohol Team at Baker Street in Hull, the aim of this being to allow teams to work more central in the East Riding. I then changed my role and I was based in the Bridlington Team within the Open Access Aftercare Team. During this time I co-facilitated The Community Rehabilitation Programme.

In 2020 I was successful in gaining the role of Senior Social Worker, which took me back to the Central Team in Baker Street in Hull. I currently supervise 5 members of staff and am also a Practice Educator for social work students.

I have had some amazing opportunities while working for ADS such as delivering training, attending meetings, being involved in different activities in the community but I feel very lucky to have the opportunity to access so much training. Some of the training I have completed includes;

- Understanding Boundaries and Confidentiality -
- Leadership and supervision skills
- Practice Educator Award – Social Work
- Level 3 Certificate in Working with Substance misuse
- Motivational Interviewing
- Brake away and safe escape techniques training
- Safe guarding children advanced
- Cossh Assessor Training
- Legal high training
- Signs Of Safety Briefing
- Cognitive Behavioural Therapy

- Recovery star training
- Behavioural Couples Therapy For Substance Misuse Training
- Conflict Resolution Training
- How to Run Effective Groups
- ITEP training
- Equality and Diversity Training

I am currently doing an Award in Teacher Training course and an ILM level 3 - Leadership and Management.

I enjoy my job and I feel very lucky to have had the opportunities I have had and I look forward new opportunities in the future. I have worked across all of the ERP Hubs and I know all the staff who are all working in amazing teams. I feel very fortunate to have been able to work with them all.