

# National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence

## Psychosis with substance misuse

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<b>Stakeholder organisation:</b>		<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Faculty of Forensic and Legal Medicine of the Royal College of Physicians</b> (registration as a stakeholder was submitted on 25 March 2009)</p>
<b>Name of commentator:</b>		<b>Dr Ian F Wall, President elect</b>
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1	General	<p>The Faculty was established in 2006 by the Royal College of Physicians of London and has been founded to achieve the following objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To promote for the public benefit the advancement of education and knowledge in the field of forensic and legal medicine.</li> <li>• To develop and maintain for the public benefit the good practice of forensic and legal medicine by ensuring the highest professional standards of competence and ethical integrity.</li> </ul> <p>The Faculty includes three different professional groups:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Forensic physicians</li> <li>• Medically qualified coroners</li> <li>• Medico-legal advisers to the medical defence organisations.</li> </ul> <p>Forensic Physicians come into regular contact with persons presenting to the Criminal Justice System.</p>
2	4.1.2	<p>It is noted that people with drug-induced mental illness will not be covered in the guideline. However, it is important to recognise that it is very difficult to determine whether the mental illness is caused by the substance misuse or not, particularly if the person is seen for the first time in the police custodial setting.</p>

3	4.2.a	Many people who are seen in police custody do not have a GP and consulting a Forensic Physician may be their first contact with a health care professional.
4	4.3.1a	Some people, particularly adolescents, may present acutely as apparently straight forward substance misusers in the criminal justice system. Whilst legal processing in this context may take precedence in the short term, the long term importance of getting these people to engage with health services may be a better way of preventing future problems.

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