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Supervision of a probation officer over a client using addictive substances

Abstract

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ABSTRACT

Background: This diploma thesis deals with the supervision of a probation officer at the Probation and Mediation Service clients who are also users of addictive substances and committed crime under the influence of these substances. It is not obligatory for a probation officers to have an addictological education, but due to the increasing number of drug-related crime, supplementing knowledge in this area is desirable. The focus of the work is qualitative research, which consists of analyzing documents and describing casework with my clients using addictive substances.

Objectives: The main objective of this work is to demonstrate the application of key addictology skills in the specific conditions of the Probation and Mediation Service, during supervision with addictive substance abuse users.

Sample: The issue will be demonstrated from the results of working with three clients of the Probation and Mediation Service, who have been given suspended sentences under the supervision of a probation officer, for crimes they committed under the influence of addictive substances.

Methods: The research used an analysis of documents accompanying clients to the Probation and Mediation Service and three case studies.

Results: The results showed that although clients of the Probation and Mediation Service perceive the imposed sentence as a limitation, and probation officer has a rather supervisory role, the addictological knowledge of the probation officer and the ability to apply addictology skills are a key element for the motivation and self-confidence of clients, and are important in making a change in their addictive behaviour.

Key words: Alternative punishment, supervision by a probation officer, re-offending, resocialisation, social work, addictive substances user, dependency.