

The Power of Words

This resource was developed by a collaboration of the Alcohol and Drug Foundation, Association of Participating Service Users/Self Help Addiction Resource Centre (APSU/SHARC), Department of Health and Human Services, Harm Reduction Victoria and Penington Institute.

This guide provides advice on using non-stigmatising language with clients to improve health outcomes.



Summary: *The Power of Words* is a language guide for healthcare and other professionals designed to reduce stigma and improve health outcomes for people who use alcohol and other drugs. The guide contains evidence-based advice on using non-stigmatising language, and features an easy-to-navigate, colour-coded directory of alternative words and phrases to suit a range of common scenarios. The guide is available in both pdf and digital flip-book formats.

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