

Ketamine Use in Under-16s: Bridging the Gap Across Sectors

A cross-sector education and training development day for health, social care, and community partners

Friday 26 June 2026

| 10:00 –14:00

| Lancaster Castle

ABOUT THIS EVENT

This cross-sector workshop brings together NHS clinicians, public health practitioners, drug and alcohol services, safeguarding professionals, and academic colleagues to develop a shared education and training framework around ketamine use in children and young people under 16.

The focus of the day is **overcoming barriers to cross-sector partnership** — using an educational needs assessment as a shared lens through which to identify gaps, align competencies, and strengthen referral pathways across services.

WHAT WE AIM TO ACHIEVE

- Identify cross-sector education and training needs
- Develop a draft cross-sector competency framework
- Strengthen multi-agency collaboration
- Map current provision and highlight gaps
- Agree a regional implementation and evaluation plan
- Produce tangible outputs for future funding bids

PROGRAMME

10:00	Welcome and scene-setting: the cross-sector challenge
10:15	Educational needs assessment — framing the approach
10:45	Mapping barriers to cross-sector partnership (facilitated)
11:30	<i>Coffee break</i>
11:45	Competency framework development — small groups
13:00	Closing remarks and next steps
13:15	<i>Lunch</i>
14:00	<i>Close</i>

HOSTED BY

Lancaster University (convening lead) in joint leadership with Alder Hey Children's Hospital, with partners across the North West including Change Grow Live.

Free to attend

Catering provided

Cross-sector

CPD-relevant

To register or for further information, contact **Dr Judith Lunn**, Lancaster Medical School: j.lunn1@lancaster.ac.uk

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