**University of South Wales**

**NPTC Group of Colleges**

**Certificate in Higher Education in Substance Misuse**

**Module:** Addictions

**Assignment:** Written Assignment 4000 words

**Submission Date**:

Assignment: 19th April 2021

**Learning Outcomes:**

LO1. Discuss key theoretical concepts surrounding addiction and to show an understanding of the biological and psychological theories of drug addictions. The concept of tolerance. The role of positive reinforcement.

LO2. Discuss the merits of the harm reduction and abstinence approaches to dependence

**Assignment**

To include:

* To consider the three models of drug addiction: the disease model: the physical dependency model: the positive reinforcement model
* Drugs Brain and reinforcement systems
* What is the role of dopamine in reward
* Pleasure system in the brain
* Tolerance and withdrawal
* Genetic basis of addiction
* Abstinence
* Harm reduction

You need to be able to assess the potential merits of harm reduction and abstinence approaches to addiction and the effects on the body.

How each drug affects the mind and the impact the drugs have on mental health issues