



Quality Action
Improving HIV Prevention in Europe

Quality Action CASE STUDY

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3. External support (facilitators/partners/technical assistance)

(Please list the names of other organisations and/or people who were involved in this practical application of a QA/QI tool, e.g. project partners, technical assistance, external stakeholders etc..).

None

4. Project/Programme and key population/target group addressed

(Please describe the project/programme to which you applied the tool and the key population/target group addressed).

'Smoke It!'
People who inject/use drugs

The goal of the project was to check to what extent consumption patterns of people who inject drugs can be changed (from intravenous use to smoking) by offering personal counselling, new means of consumption (tin foil, pipes) and accompanying information materials (flyers, posters, postcards). Readiness to change consumption patterns and the effects of the intervention were documented by accompanying research.

The project had already been completed at the time of applying the tool.

5. Goals/aims of applying the QA/QI tool

(Please list the goals you wanted to achieve with the practical application of the tool).

To practice using the PIQA tool

To use the lessons learned through applying the tool for an upcoming follow-up project

6. Tool and methodology used

(Please indicate which of the five tools you used (Succeed, QIP, PQD, PIQA, Schiff) and briefly sketch out the steps and measures of how you applied it).

PIQA

The two PIQA facilitators met with the project team to apply the tool. The meeting took one day. It started with an introduction to the tool, followed by applying it.

One facilitator went through the questionnaire while the other documented the discussion process and the results.

7. Results and benefits of applying the QA/QI tool

(Please describe what resulted from applying the tool and if and how your project/programme benefitted).

The discussion and the indicators in the questionnaire showed that, in general, the project had gone well.

Some questions shed light on issues that could be improved in the follow-up project, e.g. regarding the concept and the target group of the project (Is the project rather aiming to do research, to implement an intervention or to do both? Which is accordingly the main target group?)

The project leader found applying the tool very useful. He will try to introduce the PIQA tool to other organisations involved in drug-related work, especially self-help-organisations of people who use drugs.

8. Recommendations

(Please describe the lessons learnt from positive and negative experiences during the process of using the tool itself and about the quality of projects/programmes like yours).

The project leader liked that the tool captured quite a few aspects relevant for practice.

All involved said that more people involved in the project should have been participated in applying the tool to provide more in-depth information on the project. As the project was multi-centered and other project team members are located in other cities, this was not possible.

The project leader sees the biggest benefits in applying the PIQA tool at the beginning of a project (enhance the planning) with a repeat application during the course of the project (to detect improvements).

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