

ADHD & Substance Misuse INCADDS Showcase the Facts

At a recent seminar hosted by INCADDS key speaker Dr Pieter-Jan Carpentier (ICASA) www.adhdandsubstanceabuse.org Presented the most recent research on the subject. The research shows that many young people and adults with undiagnosed ADHD are at risk of substance misuse, but there is hope if consultants gain expertise in this field both in diagnosing and treatment. Dr Carpentier explained that in his country a group of interested consultants came together to increase their expertise through training in this complex area. Through this there are now many consultants with this expertise available in Holland to provide early expert diagnoses and multi modal long team seamless treatment. Dr Bobby Smyth Consultant Child & Adolescent Psychiatrist added more research and spoke in such a professional and caring way about diagnosis and treatment. Mr Trutz Hasse Social & Economic Consultant clearly highlighted the risk factors that lead both to early school leaving and substance misuse as documented in NACD Report 2010. The very human face of ADHD & Substance was presented with great humour and clarity by Mr Tom Creaven Counsellor & Psychotherapist. The consensus of the experts present was the need for more expertise which in turn would lead to very few undiagnosed ADHD adolescents. The presentations will be available within the next fortnight on the INCADDS Website incadds.ie