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The team is pleased to introduce **Shannon Witham** as the **Central Island Harm Reduction Coordinator** and **Ashley Schuhmann** as the **Clinical Nurse Educator** supporting harm reduction from the Education and Practice Support Team. Shannon joins us from the Toxic Drug Crisis Response team and Ashley brings a wealth of public health experience, with each bringing their own notable energies to the work! Welcome Shannon and Ashley!

September marked the one-year anniversary of the **Harm Reduction - Substance Use Policy**. We take time to celebrate the many staff who learned and apply harm reduction approaches, and encourage people to continue to **explore more** ways they can grow.



One Year With The HRSU Policy

Do you ever wonder...

Why can't I use the word addict?
What is harm reduction?
Why can't people just stop using?

Email **Beth**, Peer Project Coordinator, your questions to hear her perspective.



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New Training Modules

In an effort to create a culture of safety and wellness, staff now have the opportunity to participate in new **Harm Reduction LMS Training Modules**. Learn more about these modules and the Compliance Agreement **here**, like the Care Considerations for **Facilities** and **Community**.



OD Reporting Functionality

Those subscribed to the Toxic Drug and Health Text Alerts can now help inform potential drug poisoning overdose advisories. Texting **OD** to **253787** allows anyone to anonymously report information about a drug poisoning event. Learn more about this new functionality **here**.

Are you a registered Harm Reduction Supply Site with the British Columbia Centre for Disease Control (BCCDC)? The BCCDC has updated their **Harm Reduction Supply Order form**. Go to **Toward the Heart** for more harm reduction resources.



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