**Observation descriptors for assessing whether a person may be affected by drugs and/or alcohol**

The following observations may indicate that a person is Intoxicated. This list is not exhaustive, and the signs may not be necessarily being conclusive of intoxication.

Smell

* Smells of intoxicating liquor; cannabis.

Speech

* Slurred words, incoherent speech, rambling conversation, loss of train of thought, difficulty in paying attention, difficulty in comprehending a conversation or instruction.

Balance

* Stumbling, falling into people or furniture, difficulty walking and/or standing, unsteady on feet, swaying uncontrollably, staggering.

Coordination

* Lack of coordination, spilling drinks and/or food, fumbling with change etc, difficulty opening doors or using mobile phones, glassy eyes and lack of focus, difficulty in putting glass or food to their mouth.

Behaviour

* Disorderly, aggressive, rude, offensive, annoying, loud, confused, overly exuberant, bad-tempered, threatening, drowsy /sleepy, threatening and/or physically violent or intimidating.

Presence of drug paraphernalia

* Eg: Syringes, swabs, tourniquets and/or devices for smoking drugs.

Admission

* Admission by the person that they have consumed alcohol and/or drugs.