



North Lanarkshire Alcohol & Drug Partnership

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The ADP support team would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our partners and colleagues for their ongoing support.

As an Alcohol & Drug Partnership we are keen to share with you some recent developments, opportunities and news from the substance use and recovery field. Please see a round-up of the latest news and info below. If you have anything to share in the next bulletin, please send this on to NLADP@lanarkshire.scot.nhs.uk

North Lanarkshire ADP Website Launched

North Lanarkshire ADP launched a new [website](#) in September this year. This hosts a great deal of information about the partnership, key services and ongoing opportunities to learn and connect with our stakeholders. Please have a look and share within your networks, if you have any events, training, or publications you would like us to feature on our site please feel free to share via the ADP mailbox NLADP@lanarkshire.scot.nhs.uk.

News

UK's First Consumption Room

The UK's first official consumption room for illegal drugs including heroin and cocaine has been approved by the authorities in Glasgow. The pilot scheme will be based at a health centre in the East end of Glasgow. Dr Saket Priyadarshi, associate medical director of Glasgow alcohol and drug recovery services believes this will: "reduce drug-related harms" for individuals as well as providing them with "opportunities for treatment. Care and recover". [UK's first consumption room for illegal drugs given go-ahead - BBC News](#).

Statement on Pilot Safer Drug Consumption Facility

The Lord Advocate has responded to a request for a focused statement of prosecution policy in relation to a pilot safer drugs consumption facility in Glasgow. The full statement can be read on the following link: [Statement on pilot safer drug consumption facility | COPFS](#)

Scottish Government Consultation on MUP launched – Deadline 22 November

On 20 September, the Scottish Government laid their [report](#) to Scottish Parliament on the operation and effect of MUP in its first five years and **published a [consultation](#) on their proposal to set the minimum unit price for alcohol at 65p** (an increase of 15p from the current 50p per unit). The consultation will run for 9 weeks, closing on **22 November**.

RADAR

Over the last few months there has been an increase seen in harms across indicators, including naloxone incident, A&E attendances and drug-related hospital admissions. RADAR have also received an increasing number of concerns from local areas. Enhanced surveillance is being undertaken to further understand these changes.

Help to inform the response and prevent drug harms by [reporting concerns from your area](#).

RADAR have reported that the main picture of harms continues to be polydrug use involving benzos, stimulants and opioids. New potent substances are becoming more common and The emergence of novel synthetic drugs is being closely assessed. There are two current alerts that pose a high risk of overdose:

- [new benzodiazepines – bromazolam](#)
- [nitazene-type opioids](#)

Tesco Advertising

Tesco has been slammed for advertising vodka as 'essential' for students at a store next to Glasgow University reported the Mail Online [Tesco is slammed for advertising vodka as 'essential' for students at store next to Glasgow university | Daily Mail Online](#).

Alcohol Change UK

A new survey, commissioned by charity Alcohol Change UK, shows the average drinker in the UK spends around £62,899 on alcohol over the course of a lifetime.

<https://alcoholchange.org.uk/blog/2023/press-release-the-average-drinker-spends-an-estimated-62-899-on-alcohol-over-the-course-of-a-lifetime>

LANDED Lanarkshire launches vaping consultation to learn more about what young people who live in Lanarkshire think about vaping/e-cigarettes [Vaping Consultation \[Lanarkshire\] 2023 \(office.com\)](#)

Recruitment

North Lanarkshire local licensing forum

NL licensing forum is looking for new members. If you are keen to support the safe and regulated sale of alcohol, and if you are interested in the impact of licensing decisions in your area, then you may want to be part of the local forum. Find out more [here](#)

Glasgow Council on Alcohol

GCA are recruiting a Community Education Manager. The Community Education Manager will manage a community-based Alcohol Brief Intervention service in the wider community and primary care setting in Greater Glasgow in partnership with other statutory, voluntary and community agencies in the area. Please head to www.glasgowcouncilonalcohol.org for the application pack. Closing date for applications 18th October 2023.

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Scottish Prison Service

SPS are recruiting a HR Assistant in Dumfries to contribute to the overall HR Team's delivery, providing a comprehensive administration service. For more information/to apply: <https://sps.tal.net/vx/lang-en-GB/mobile-0/channel-1/appcentre-1/brand-2/xf-52f605bacb94/wid-1/candidate/so/pm/1/pl/3/opp/4195-HR-Assistant/en-GB> Closing date for applications 20th October 2023

The University of Stirling

The University of Stirling are looking to appoint a Research Fellow to work on the NHR funded study: Effectiveness and cost effectiveness of a peer-delivered, relational, harm reduction intervention to improve mental health, quality of life, and related outcomes, for people experiencing homelessness and substance use problems: The 'SHARPS' cluster randomised controlled trial.

For more information, please see here: <https://www.stir.ac.uk/about/work-at-stirling/list/details/?jobId=3849&jobTitle=Research%20Fellow>

Closing date for applications is Wednesday 1st November 2023

Events, Learning and Development

Parent Club

Parent Club have provided ideas of low cost activities to keep the kids busy over the October holidays and beyond [Things to do this autumn | Parent Club](#)

Health & Wellbeing Drop In

NLADP have organised a Health & Wellbeing Drop in which will take place at Motherwell Baptist Church 43 – 47 Windmillhill Street, Motherwell ML1 1RT on Thursday 26th October 11am – 2pm.

Come along to chat to organisations and services in your area for advice and support. Open to all.

For more information, contact Christina Feaks at christina.feaks@lanarkshire.scot.nhs.uk or 07976153897



The poster for the Health and Wellbeing Drop In event features the logos of North Lanarkshire Alcohol & Drug Partnership (NLADP) and Motherwell Baptist Church. The text reads: "Health and Wellbeing Drop In", "Thursday 26th October 11am – 2pm", "Motherwell Baptist Church 43-47 Windmillhill Street, Motherwell, ML1 1RT", "Come along to chat to organisations and services in your area for advice and support.", "Free tea's, coffees, soup and sandwiches. Open to all!". Below the text is a grid of logos for various partner organizations including: Scottish Families, Scottish Health, Keep Well, Carers Together, Scottish Families, Health Improvement, Care Mapping, SAMH, Turnings Point, Blue Triangle, Positive People, Social Security Scotland, Barncardos, Enable Works, Lanarkshire Links, and Remploy. At the bottom, it provides contact information for Christina Feaks.

Care Experienced Week 2023

Care Experienced Week takes place from 22nd to the 29th of October 2023. This is a week to celebrate the Care Experienced Community and provide opportunities for members to reconnect with Who Cares? Scotland and each other. Please see link below for more information and Care Experienced Week Guides <https://www.whocaresscotland.org/get-involved/care-experienced-week-2023/>



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Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) Standards Webinar Session 5 – *Recovery and People Led Care*

The next Health Improvement Scotland Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) Standards Seminar will take place on **Tuesday 31st October 2023, 11am – 12.30pm**. Please see Registration Link: https://teams.microsoft.com/registration/veDvEDCgykuAnLXmdF5Jmg,dIDr28IP4EebYzFJ3jKPBQ,YJQq4f7owEihvZX1aoqUlg,gUHt4kdvvU2fE4LMpVfrsA,a_cZcFQWN0KEhaYjpbEdnQ,h5QD0lxN0UaP2kSpSrhXgQ?mode=read&tenantId=10efe0bd-a030-4bca-809c-b5e6745e499a&skipauthstrap=1

Scotland's National Emerging Practice Event

Scottish Drugs Forum is hosting Scotland's first National Emerging Practice Event. This Event will showcase new and innovative practice from services across Scotland.

Wednesday 1st November

Time: 10am – 4pm (registration 9.30am)

Apex City Quay Hotel Dundee



Register at: <https://sdf.org.uk/event/scotlands-national-emerging-practice-event/>

Health Improvement Scotland

Registration for the upcoming Mental Health and Substance Use Clinical Network Learning Event are now open. This session will explore tools to better understand and support individuals with complex presentations including personality disorders and substance use.

Thursday 2nd November, 10am – 11.20am [Please register for the event here.](#)

Alcohol Focus Scotland

Training: Alcohol Affects Us All (enhanced Alcohol Awareness), this training will help to better understand alcohol, its impact and basic ways in which to provide basic support and signpost others affected by it. [https://www.alcohol-focus-scotland.org.uk/events/training-alcohol-affects-us-all-\(enhanced-alcohol-awareness\)-november/](https://www.alcohol-focus-scotland.org.uk/events/training-alcohol-affects-us-all-(enhanced-alcohol-awareness)-november/)

Course Details:

- Date: Thursday 9th November 2023
- Time: 09:30 - 16:30
- Venue: AFS Office, 166 Buchanan Street, Glasgow
- Number of places: 12
- Cost per person: £55

To book a space or for further information please contact:

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Children in Scotland

Children in Scotland have an online event: Person-centred planning: helping children determine their own futures. This session is aimed at professional working with children and young people in a direct setting. Date and time: Tuesday 16th January 2024, 10am – 12pm. Click here for more information and to book https://www.eventbrite.com/e/person-centred-planning-helping-children-determine-their-own-futures-tickets-704524751497?aff=twitter&utm_content=buffer8193d&utm_medium=social&utm_source=twitter.com&utm_campaign=buffer

Scottish Families Affected by Alcohol and Drugs

Scottish Families have shared their new strategy – The Cost of Loving 2023 – 26, this strategy has been developed in the grip of a Cost of Living crisis. Through Scottish Families new strategy, 8 'Big Questions' around the Cost of Loving are identified which they want to answer, understand, highlight and reduce costs for families harmed by alcohol and drug use. The SDF New Strategy is available to read on the following link [The Cost of Loving - Our Strategy 2023-2026 - SFAD](#).

Migrants' Rights & Entitlements Guidance

This National Guidance for Scottish Councils sets out the current legal framework and good practice to assist local authorities in meeting their statutory duties and delivering an effective service response when working with people who have no recourse to public funds (NRPf). The full Guidance can be accessed here [Foreword - Migration Scotland](#).

Language Matters – Reframing how we talk about Homelessness

Turning Point Scotland have led by example to engage and influence their sector in tackling stigmatising language associated with all of their areas of support in social care. Turning Point Scotland realised that some of the language they used to describe their Homelessness services needed careful updating. [Language matters - reframing how we talk about homelessness \(turningpointscotland.com\)](#)

Scottish Drugs Forum

Scottish Drugs Forum has over 30 years' experience of researching, training and supporting organisations and has developed significant experience in the field. Upcoming SDF Training October – December 2023 Brochure can be accessed at the following link: [October- December 2023 SDF Training Brochure](#)

Alcohol Change UK

Alcohol Change UK offers a one-day training programme that gives managers the skills and confidence to respond appropriately to alcohol-related harm in the workplace. Find out more <https://alcoholchange.org.uk/help-and-support/training/for-workplaces/training-for-line-managers>

Phoenix Futures

Phoenix Futures have an anti-stigma card game designed to encourage conversations. The game works on three levels; perception, learning and reflection. Download the game here: <https://www.phoenix-futures.org.uk/files/e0982bf6776c9138484b64c73e5d121c.pdf>



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Research

Figure 8 Consultancy Dundee

Figure 8 Consultancy are trying to understand the demand for residential rehabilitation amongst people who experience problem drug use in Scotland.

Figure 8 Consultancy invite you to take part in a Public Health Scotland funded research study that is being carried out by Figure 8 Consultancy (Dundee), Glyndwr University (Wrexham) and Kings College London.

If you have any questions about completing the survey, please contact enquiries@f8c.co.uk.



Alcohol Clinical & Experimental Research

Alcohol Clinical & Experimental Research have published an article [Who affiliates with SMART recovery? A comparison of individuals attending SMART recovery, alcoholics anonymous, both, or neither - Kelly - Alcohol: Clinical and Experimental Research - Wiley Online Library](#)

Funding

CORRA Foundation

As part of the Scottish Government's National Drugs Mission, funding has been made available through three funds. The funds support a range of approaches, including improving access to residential rehabilitation and treatment, support for frontline community services and smaller community groups. Corra Foundation is supporting the administration of these three funding streams:

- Improvement Fund (**closing 28th November 2023 at 1pm**)
- Micro grants (rolling grant programme)
- Local Support Fund (rolling grant programme)

More information about each of the funds, including information on the application process and criteria is available on the [Corra Foundation website](#) or you can contact the team to discuss proposals at wellbeingteam@corra.scot.

CORRA Foundation have shared the positive stories of micro grants for small community groups. The report shares the positive difference offering micro grants can have at a community level for developing vibrant communities and supporting community-led action. The changes to the funding processes are outlined to better support the needs of small groups. The next steps to continue micro grant funding ensuring it is accessible and equitable are outlined. <https://www.corra.scot/wp-content/uploads/2023/08/Micro-Grants-for-Small-Community-Groups.pdf>

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Addiction Services, North Lanarkshire

- Airdrie Addiction Recovery Team – 01236 856126
- Bellshill Addiction Recovery Team – 01698 403535
- Coatbridge Addiction Recovery Team – 01698 753656
- Cumbernauld Addition Recovery Team – 01236 638842
- Motherwell Addiction Recovery Team – 01698 755355
- Wishaw Addiction Recovery Team - 01698 274070
- Community Prescribing Service – 01698 753839
- Harm Reduction Team – 01698 753657
- Addiction Psychology North – 01698 753830
- Addiction Psychiatry North - 01698 755358 (Dr Qureshi)
- North Lanarkshire ADP – 01698 753651

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