



North Lanarkshire Alcohol & Drug Partnership

Rights / Respect / Recovery

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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

News

National Records of Scotland

[Alcohol-specific Deaths 2023 Report](#) was published on 10th of September 2024 detailing information on the number of deaths that were registered in Scotland in 2023 which are classified as alcohol-specific. It also includes breakdowns by sex, age, cause of death and deprivation.

[Drug-related Deaths in Scotland 2023 Report](#) was published on 20th of August 2024 of statistics of drug-related deaths in 2023 and earlier years. Includes break downs by age, sex, substance, cause and geography.

Alcohol Focus Scotland released a [media statement](#) on the alcohol-specific death statistics, highlighting the need for a 'radical step change' in responding to what the Scottish Government itself declared as a public health emergency.

National Drug Deaths Mission Evaluation - Support Experience Survey

In January 2021, the First Minister announced a new National Mission to reduce drug deaths and improve the lives of those impacted by drugs. Public Health Scotland have been asked by the Government to provide support to evaluate the National Mission. The feedback survey is part of the Public Health Scotland Evaluation. The following link will provide more information and allow participation in the survey: [The Survey](#) will take about 20-30 minutes to complete and will be open until 31st of December 2024 for those who have experience of using illicit drugs and feel that they have needed support in the last 12 months as a result of this experience.

Violence Against Women and Girls National Policing Statement 2024

In February 2023, the Home Office classified Violence Against Women and Girls for the first time a national threat to public safety and made it part of the Strategic Policing Requirement (SPR). This means that police forces prioritise their response to VAWG as they do terrorism and serious and organised crime as outlined in the [National Policy Statement 2024](#).

Scottish Families Affected by Alcohol and Drugs

Ahead of the publication of the annual alcohol-specific death statistics for 2023, family members affected by alcohol and drugs have shared their own stories with SFAD. The stories of love and loss can be read here: [Loss and Love - SFAD](#).

Equally Safe Delivery Plan

[The Equally Safe Delivery Plan](#) (Scottish Government and COSLA) has launched, this new delivery plan sits below the refreshed Equally Safe strategy, it sets out that the Scottish Government, COSLA and all partners intend to drive progress by implementing action individually and collectively in a truly cross-cutting and inclusive way.

[Recruitment](#)

Scottish Recovery Consortium

Following a period of change and the current Trustees reaching the end of their tenure, the SRC Board has recently conducted a strategic review of its governance arrangements and are now looking to appoint a Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer and new Board Members. Click [here](#) for more information and how to apply – Closing Date is **Tuesday 19th of November 2024**.

[Events, Learning and Development](#)

NCD Alliance Scotland Launch Event for new report 'NCD Prevention: A Commercial Determinants of Health Approach A 10-year vision for a healthier Scotland' will take place on **Wednesday 30th October 2024, from 9am – 4.30pm** at Edinburgh International Conference Centre, The Exchange, Edinburgh, EH3 8EE. Please click the below link if you are interested in attending [NCD Alliance Scotland Launch Event \(office.com\)](#).

Health Improvement Scotland

Register for the upcoming Mental Health and Substance Use Clinical Network Learning Event on **Wednesday 30th of October between 10am and 12pm** via MS Teams - [Microsoft Virtual Events Powered by Teams](#). The event will focus on **Caring for Co-occurring Conditions** and explore these topics:

- What do we mean when we say, "It's everyone's business?"
- What do pathways for alcohol treatment look like in an area and how do they work?

Using Human Rights in Recovery – a Joint Guide by the British Institute of Human Rights and the Scottish Recovery Consortium.

This guide follows on from the Rights in Recovery Leadership Programme which was co-delivered by BIHR and SRC from 2022 to 2024. This programme aimed to support and empower recovery advocates in Scotland to use human rights in their work. To help others in similar roles to do the same, this guide has been designed for people accessing, or trying to access, recovery services, as well as their loved ones and supporters, to know and speak up for human rights every day. The Guide can be accessed on the NLADP Website: <https://northlanadp.org/local-and-national-publications/>

People Know How run a helpline in partnership with the Scottish Government and the Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisations (SCVO). This forms part of the Reconnect Service, which aims to improve digital inclusion across Scotland. The helpline is available to anyone who needs it, whether you're an individual in need of advice, or a support worker or community organisation looking for a helpful resource to refer those you support to. Call the helpline today for free digital support and advice: 0800 0 590 690. You can find out more about the helpline and its impact so far at: <https://peopleknowhow.org/news/free-digital-support-helpline>

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Ethical Commissioning Drugs and Alcohol Webinar

HIS and IRISS are hosting a research launch webinar on **Wednesday 13th of November from 2pm – 3.30pm** (online event). The webinar will launch the findings of the research that was commissioned in December 2023 by HIS to research commissioning within drug and alcohol support. The commissioning was explored through case studies in North Lanarkshire, Clackmannanshire and Stirling and Perth and Kinross. More information and Registration can be accessed here [Microsoft Virtual Events Powered by Teams](#)

Introduction to Commercial Sexual Exploitation

Thursday 14th of November – 9.30am – 1pm

This interactive online session explores activities associated with commercial sexual exploitation (CSE), the law surrounding selling or exchanging sex, 'push' factors, relevant terminology, and indicators of involvement in the 'sex industry'.



[Express your interest here](#) – you will only be contacted if you are offered a space.

Research

Smoke Free Home Study – Using nicotine replacement therapy to create a smoke-free home

A research study aiming to tackle the number of children breathing in second-hand smoke at home has launched in Lanarkshire and is recruiting participants to take part.

The University of Stirling, the University of Glasgow & NHS Lanarkshire are looking to recruit 100 parents/carers who live in Lanarkshire and currently smoke in the home to take part in a research study. This study would like to see if using nicotine replacement therapy - instead of smoking indoors - can help parents/carers create a smoke-free home.

Participant recruitment will be ongoing and open until Spring/Summer 2025.

Those who are interested can register via the QR code or link: <https://shorturl.at/W4A3b>

Digital Financial Inclusion in a Cashless Society

Quarriers commissioned the RIX Centre Inclusive Research team to carry out an evaluation study to explore how people with learning disabilities manage and use their money, what works and what is difficult. The Background for [this Report](#) includes the UK experiencing a steady and inevitable movement towards a cashless society – it is essential that those who currently rely on cash are not disadvantaged as the UK transitions towards a digital finance economy.

Funding

Community Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund Phase 4 Open for Applications

Voluntary Action North Lanarkshire (VANL) have announced that Phase 4 of the Community Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund is now open. VANL has received £955, 000 of funding from the Scottish Government to support community and voluntary sector groups to contribute to the fund's purpose of:

- improving mental health and wellbeing
- reducing mental health inequalities
- reducing mental health inequalities caused by the cost-of-living crisis
- reducing in stigma around mental health and illness

The closing date for applications is **15th of November 2024**. There is an information session on **12th of September 9:30am-12pm** at GLO Coffee Shop & Conference Centre (78 Muir St, Motherwell ML1 1LP) for anyone who has any questions about applying. You can find out more information about the fund and how to apply [here](#).

Corra Foundation

[Henry Duncan Grants](#) 2024 is for women led organisations in Scotland that support women and girls within their local communities. Henry Duncan Grants will support Women Led organisations whose work has a focus on addressing the impacts of gender based violence of women and girls. The Grant will close for application on **30th October 2024 at 12 noon**.

The Second round of [The Way Forward for Families Partnership](#) (Way Forward) is now open, with a total of £900,000 of funding available. Way Forward is focused on improving the lives and outcomes for children, young people and families in Scotland who are affected by drugs and alcohol. The closing date for applications is **2pm on Thursday 28th of November 2024**.

Addiction Services, North Lanarkshire

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| ➤ 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 753820 |
| ➤ Addiction Psychiatry North | 01698 755358 (Dr Qureshi) |
| ➤ North Lanarkshire ADP Support Team | 01698 753651 |