

Alcohol and Drug Snapshot

July 2023



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The month of July brings us a couple of important dates in relation to Alcohol and Drugs.



Alcohol Awareness Week

This year's Alcohol Awareness Week takes place from 3-9 July 2023. The theme this year is 'Alcohol and cost'. Alcohol Awareness Week is managed and hosted by Alcohol Change UK. For further information on Alcohol Awareness Week or to access digital resources visit the Alcohol Change Website by clicking on their logo.



Alcohol Minimum Pricing



In May 2018, the minimum price per unit of alcohol was set at 50p per unit of alcohol in Scotland.



A minimum price for alcohol sets the lowest price an alcoholic drink can be sold for. Increasing the price of alcohol is one of the most effective ways to reduce how much people drink and prevent problems caused by alcohol.

[Source](#)

Alcohol Brief Intervention Training - Glasgow City

Glasgow Council on Alcohol (GCA) are currently offering Alcohol Brief Intervention Training to any staff working in Glasgow City.

If you have the opportunity to talk about alcohol in your role but need some extra support with how to structure this, this FREE Alcohol Brief Intervention (ABI) Skills Development training can provide this.

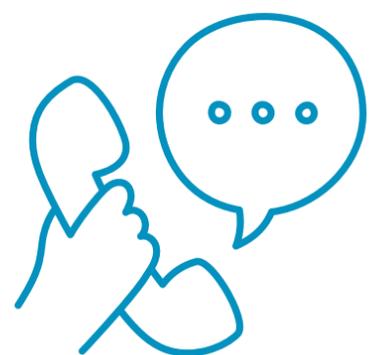


The training is being delivered both online and face to face. For further information or to reserve a place, visit the event page by clicking on the GCA Logo.

Alcohol And Drug Recovery Services (ADRS)

Alcohol and Drug Recovery Services are joint Social Work Services and Health Addiction Teams.

This means that if you or someone you are working with needs help with an alcohol or drug problem, you can contact the Alcohol and Drug Recovery Service and they will arrange for you to see the worker best placed to help you, eg an Addiction Worker or an Addiction Nurse. To access this service you can make contact directly with your local team.



Click on the NHS GGC Logo to access the contact details for both central and local ADRS Services



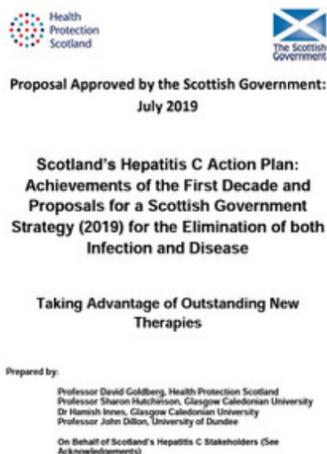
World Hepatitis Day

World Hepatitis Day (WHD) takes place every year on 28 July to raise global awareness of hepatitis.

Hepatitis is the term used to describe inflammation of the liver. It's usually the result of a viral infection or liver damage caused by drinking alcohol. There are several different types of hepatitis. Some types will pass without any serious problems, while others can be long-lasting (chronic) and cause scarring of the liver (cirrhosis), loss of liver function and, in some cases, liver cancer.

[Source](#)

Hepatitis C Elimination Plan



In 2008 The Scottish Government launched a Hep C Action Plan and in 2019, a target was set to achieve Hepatitis C elimination by 2024.

This report reflects on how the Action Plan was established and what it has achieved a decade after its launch. It also reflects on changing Government policy over this time and sets out future policy to achieve the elimination of both infection and disease.

Training and Learning



This course is full of information about what acute and chronic Hep B is, who is at risk of infection, and importantly, who should be getting tested.



This course is packed full of information about what Hep C is, the importance of testing, risk factors, different methods of testing, the importance of treatment and the benefits of new treatments. The concise course can be completed in around two hours.



To mark World Hepatitis Day on 28th July, Hepatitis Scotland hosted an online event that focussed on providing an overview of hepatitis C in Scotland. This event explored the current landscape of hepatitis C infection, examples of assertive outreach models in local areas and voices of people with lived experience.

Websites and Services



Waverly Care offer rapid HIV and syphilis testing, as well as dried blood spot testing for HIV, hepatitis B and hepatitis C.



Hepatitis Scotland is the national voluntary sector organisation funded by the Scottish Government to help improve responses to viral hepatitis prevention, treatment and support.



NHSGGC Sandyford is specialist sexual health services for Greater Glasgow and Clyde.