



DRUGS RESEARCH NETWORK SCOTLAND

October 2025 Newsletter

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DRNS Updates

ECR and PhD Conference Funding Support: Now Open!

We are offering bursaries up to £300 to support Scotland based early career researchers and PhD students to attend or present at conferences related to drugs research. Applications will remain open until all allocated funds have been awarded.

[Apply here!](#)

Events

In Collaboration with Healthcare Improvement Scotland

Mental Health and Substance Use: Putting Evidence Into Practice

Edinburgh on 12 November 2025

[Sign up here!](#)

2026 Annual Conference – Save the date!

Glasgow on 4 June 2026

News, Reports & Media



Public Health Scotland

[Drug-related deaths in Scotland reported for 2024](#)

[Interventions to reduce harms from cocaine](#)

[National naloxone programme Scotland - Quarterly monitoring bulletin](#)

[Consensus approach on prevention of substance use harm among children and young people](#)



Scottish Drugs Forum

[NEW: Buzz Magazine](#)

[Evaluation Of Long Acting Injectable Buprenorphine Provision Across Scotland](#)



Glasgow City Health & Social Care Partnership

[Thistle Service Data](#)

Scotland's Ongoing Work & Publications



Public Health Scotland

[Evaluation of the National Drugs Mission – Follow-up Frontline staff survey](#)

Survey closes **3 October 2025**



National Records of Scotland

[Drug-related deaths terminology feedback](#)

Send feedback by **31 October 2025**



THE UNIVERSITY
of EDINBURGH

University of Edinburgh

Call for Participants

[Survey exploring the effects of attachment and care experience on intergenerational substance use](#)

Research study

Are you a care provider for those with substance use disorder in pregnancy?

Can you spare 10 minutes to complete an online survey?

Would you like to take part in an online interview?

We are conducting a study to explore the knowledge and perspectives of those who provide perinatal substance use disorder services in the UK. Our aim is to develop educational resources for student midwives.

To access the survey, scan the QR code.

To find out more about the study
[Get in touch here.](#)



Edinburgh Napier
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Edinburgh Napier University

Call for Participants

[Click here to access the survey](#)

Resources

Naloxone Access

All pharmacies in Scotland now hold naloxone for use in emergency situations.

[NHS Lothian Pharmacies that carry free naloxone](#)

[Crew 2000 in Edinburgh](#)

[Scottish Families Affected by Alcohol & Drugs Delivery Service](#)

Glasgow's Safer Drug Consumption Facility

[Service user information](#)

[WEDINOS free and anonymous drug testing](#)

[Nitazene Test Strips](#)

[The Scottish Drug Services Directory](#)

[The Scottish Needle Exchange Directory](#)

[NHS Inform](#)

[NHS Pharmacy First Scotland](#)

[Crew 2000 Drop-in Services in Edinburgh](#)

[Scottish Families Affected by Alcohol & Drugs Local Support Services](#)

[We Are With You Webchat](#)

[Scottish Drugs Forum Resources](#)

Events

Mental Health and Substance Use: Putting Evidence Into Practice



DRNS in Collaboration with Healthcare Improvement Scotland

[Mental Health and Substance Use: Putting Evidence Into Practice](#)

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2026 Annual Conference

Glasgow on **4 June 2026**

Save the date!



Scottish Health Action on Alcohol Problems (SHAAP) & the Scottish Alcohol Research Network (SARN)

[Alcohol Occasional 4: Alcohol and LGBTQIA+ Communities](#)

Online on **6 October 2025**



International Network on Health and Hepatitis in Substance Users

[13th International Conference](#)

Cape Town, South Africa on **14-17 October 2025**



NHS Research Scotland

[Scotland's Health Research and Innovation Conference 2025](#)

Edinburgh on **23 October 2025**



[XI International Conference on Novel Psychoactive Substances](#)

Online or Nice, France on **3-4 November 2025**



Society for the Study of Addiction (SSA)

[Annual Conference 2025](#)

Newcastle on **6-7 November 2025**



Reform

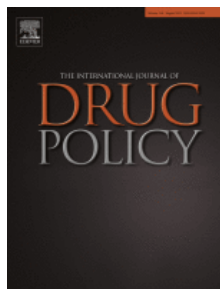
[International Drug Policy Reform Conference 2025](#)

Detroit, Michigan, United States on **12-15 November 2025**



Health Services Research and Pharmacy Practice (HSRPP)

Drugs Research



International Journal of Drug Policy

[Psychedelics for substance use disorders: are women being addressed? A scoping review](#)

Alexandra Wojdyslawski Nigri, Ilana Falcão de Arruda, Catarina Gouveia Ferreira Maia, Luís Fernando Tófoli & Fabio Carezzato



Drug and Alcohol Review

[The Need to Revitalise Drug Use Monitoring to Keep Pace With a More Dynamic, Digitally Enabled and Globally Connected Drug Market](#)

Paul Griffiths, Charles Parry, Atul Ambekar, Balasingam Vicknasingam, Abel Basutu, Bronwyn Myers, Alessandra Bo, Paul Dietze, Ken Douglas, Nadine Ezard, Mauricio Fiore, Marya Hynes, Christopher M. Jones, Pamela Kent, Jane Mounteney, Kamran Niaz, Klaudia Palczak, Antonio Pascale, Amy Peacock, Marta Rychert, Lela Sturua & Yong-an Zhang

Job Opportunities



NHS Scotland

NHS Highland

[Senior Drug and Alcohol Recovery Nurse](#)

Applications close **12 October 2025**

NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde

[Senior Addiction Nurse - Alcohol and Drug Recovery Service \(ADRS\)](#)

Applications close **12 October 2025**



Scottish Recovery Network

[Communications Officer](#)

Applications close **17 October 2025**

Funding Opportunities



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Chief Scientist Office

[NHS Researcher Development Fellowship](#)

Applications close **17 December 2025**



Scottish Recovery Consortium (SRC)

[Recovery Seed Fund](#)

Applications are accepted at any time



Society for the Study of Addiction (SSA)

[Bursaries](#)

Applications are accepted at any time



Rayne Foundation

[Children and young people's mental health and wellbeing research funding](#)

Applications are accepted at any time

Opportunity to Take Part



Send us your work!

Do you have a fascinating research project or innovative work in your field that you'd like to share with a wider audience? Whether it's a groundbreaking study, an inspiring project or valuable insights in your area of expertise, we welcome contributions from all fields. Don't miss this opportunity to showcase your work and connect with a diverse readership! Send us your contributions

to mcalnan@ed.ac.uk

Call for Blog Posts

We have opened submission of blog posts to be featured on our website. Topics can be on anything related to drugs research, the delivery of services or personal experiences. The blog post guidelines can be found [here](#). Please send your submissions to mcainan@ed.ac.uk

ACMD

Advisory Council on
the Misuse of Drugs



Advisory Council on the Misuse of Drugs (ACMD)

[Call for evidence: The misuse and harms of gabapentin and pregabalin](#)

The call closes **13 October 2025**

Brain and Behavior

Brain and Behaviour Journal

[Call for Papers on Psychedelics in Mental Health: Opportunities and Challenges](#)

Submissions due **31 October 2025**

Drugs, Habits and Social Policy

Drugs, Habits and Social Policy Journal

[Call for papers on Digital-physical hybridity in drug markets and harm reduction](#)

Submissions due **15 January 2026**



Pharmacy Journal

[Call for Papers on Pharmacists' Roles in the Identification, Prevention and Treatment of Substance Use Disorders](#)

Submissions due **30 April 2026**



Scottish Drugs Forum

[Membership](#)

[Volunteer](#)

[Join a Living Experience Engagement Group](#)



Crew 2000

[Volunteer](#)



Society for the Study of Addiction

[Apply to join as a Member or Associate](#)



Alcohol & Drugs Action

[Volunteer Opportunities](#)

Training Opportunities



Scottish Drugs Forum

[Training Platform](#)

[E-Learning Platform](#)



Scottish Recovery Consortium

[Learning platform](#)



Improving Outcomes in the Treatment of Opioid Dependence

[Online education](#)



PSHE Association

[Drug education](#)



Pawsitive Connections Lab

[Animal Awareness for the Substance Use Workforce](#)



Results 4 Addiction

[Continuing Professional Development Learning Modules](#)



East Ayrshire Recovery Hub

[CREW Development Course](#)



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