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Working in Partnership to Tackle Drug and Substance Misuse

Tuesday 26th November
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Welcome Letter

Dear Delegate,

Welcome to Working in Partnership to Tackle Drug and Substance Misuse conference.

Today you will have the opportunity to hear presentations from key organisations from senior policymakers in addition to a series of case studies examining best practice in a range of settings.

This event will provide attendees with an invaluable opportunity to hear the latest initiatives from across the public sector in developing national policies to overcome drug and substance misuse, as well as highlighting the key flaws in existing policies which need to be addressed and rectified. Speakers will cover a range of topics, from harm reduction initiatives in the NHS to address substance misuse to the correlation between drug usage and homelessness. Participants will be able to listen to case studies demonstrating successful approaches to improve different areas of substance misuse policies, including drugs in local housing, drugs and alcohol education, and County Lines, with guidance in training and supporting staff to apply these approaches within their own organisations.

If you have any questions or queries please ask our onsite management team, who will be more than happy to help you. They are located at the registration desk.

We hope you have a rewarding and enjoyable day.

Yours Truly,

David Blake
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Agenda AM

- 08:45-09:30 **Registration**
- 09:30-09:40 **Chair's Welcome Address**
Professor Sue Pryce, Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Nottingham
- 09:40-10:00 **Keynote Address: Developing a Long-Term Initiative From the Health Sector to Combat Substance Misuse**
Josie Smith, Head of Substance Misuse Programme, Public Health Wales
- 10:00-10:20 **Keynote Address: Recognising and Responding to Increasing Levels of Dependency and Addiction to Prescription Drugs**
Dr Nat Wright, Clinical Research Director, Spectrum CIC and Training Lead in Illicit Substance Misuse, Royal College of General Practitioners
- 10:20-10:40 **Question and Answer Session**
- 10:40-11:10 **Refreshment and Networking Break**
- 11:10-11:30 **Case Study: Thames Valley Police Drug Diversion, to Reduce Drug-Related Deaths**
DCI Wojciech Spyt, Detective Sergeant, Thames Valley Police
DCI Jason Kew, South East Region Co-ordinator for Response to Crack and Heroin, Thames Valley Police
- 11:30-11:50 **Keynote Address: Harm Reduction Strategies: Reviewing Approaches to Prevent HIV Transmissions and Drug Related Deaths**
Natasha Dhumma, Head of Policy & Campaigns, National AIDS Trust
- 11:50-12:10 **Case Study: New Drug Dealing Networks and How We Might Reduce Harms**
Paul Andell, Senior Lecturer in Criminology, University of Suffolk
- 12:10-12:30 **Question and Answer Session**
- 12:30-13:30 **Lunch and Networking**

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Case Study: Targeting Those Most In Need: Focussing On Treatment Resistant Drinkers

Mary Bailey, Addictive Behaviours Programme Manager, Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council

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Case Study: Highlighting the Correlation Between Drug Usage and Homelessness to Support the Most Vulnerable People in Communities

Wayne Henderson, Director of Specialist Services, Inclusion Healthcare

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Keynote Address: Tailoring Drugs Support and Education for Schools and Young People

Fiona Spargo-Mabbs, Director, Operations Manager and Founder, Daniel Spargo-Mabbs Foundation

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Question and Answer Session

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Chair's Summary and Close

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Speaker Biographies

Professor Sue Pryce

Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Nottingham

Sue Pryce is a professor of Politics at the University of Nottingham. She has delivered courses on Narcoterrorism: drugs, states and security and Politics and Drugs. She is a former chair of DrugScope; she frequently talks about drug policy in the media; she is a trained substance misuse counsellor. In 2012 she published *Fixing Drugs: the politics of drug Prohibition* (Palgrave) to coincide with the centenary of The Hague Convention which marked the start of the international drug prohibition regime. Sue has 2 sons, one of whom has been a long-term heroin addict.



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Josie Smith

Head of Substance Misuse Programme, Public Health Wales

With extensive experience in the substance misuse field, both front line and research, Josie has developed and heads the national programme in Wales encompassing epidemiology, surveillance and research, as well as development and implementation of innovative harm reduction interventions addressing the harms associated with problematic drug and alcohol use and related issues.

Josie Smith has worked in the field of drugs, alcohol, mental health and complex needs since the early 1990s, having worked initially in front line community drug and homelessness services and with those affected by HIV /AIDS. She moved on to become a research scientist within Public Health, focusing on epidemiological, psychological and social/behavioural factors relating to substance misuse.

Since becoming Head of Substance Misuse for Public Health Wales, she has developed and implemented a range of national harm reduction initiatives including robust surveillance systems to evidence trends and need; longitudinal research on problematic drug use prevalence and the acute and chronic harms associated with psychoactive drugs, image and performance enhancing drugs and alcohol; and the WEDINOS project (Welsh Emerging Drugs & Identification of Novel Substances): a national testing framework for psychoactive substances designed to inform those using drugs, evidence UK trends and reduce the harms associated with use.

Josie contributes to the work of a number of UK and European bodies including UK Focal Point, ACMD, NICE and EMCDDA and to policy development and innovation within UK governments.



09:40 – 10:00

Dr Nat Wright

Clinical Research Director, Spectrum CIC and Training Lead in Illicit Substance Misuse, Royal College of General Practitioners

Nat has a background in general practice and for over twenty years has held senior clinical leadership positions in healthcare organisations providing services to drug users, offenders and homeless people.

He is currently the Clinical Research Director for Spectrum CIC, a health based social enterprise, and in this role leads the Royal College of General Practitioners national training courses pertaining to the management of substance misuse in primary care – a course successfully completed by over 25,000 individuals since its inception in the year 2000.

Nat also leads the national Transform Research Alliance, which brings together social enterprises to build research capacity and capability in member organisations. His research work also entails a role as the Primary Care Specialty Lead for the UK National Institute for Health Research Clinical Research Network (Yorkshire and Humber), which supports recruitment from primary care practices into health-based studies. He has led NHS research teams for over 20 years and contributed extensively to the evidence base pertaining to primary health care inequalities, with a special interest in the care offered to vulnerable drug user populations. His research outputs have received international recognition and he has contributed to over two hundred peer reviewed publications and invited conference presentations.



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Dr Wojciech Spyt

Detective Sergeant, Thames Valley Police

Wojciech Spyt is a serving Detective Sergeant working within the Strategy Unit in Thames Valley Police (TVP). Wojciech has been working together with DCI Jason Kew over the last 18 months in designing, implementing and providing analysis of the TVP Drug Diversion Scheme currently operating in the County of West Berkshire. His prior service includes working in: response units, priority crime teams tackling burglary, robbery and other serious acquisitive crime, the Criminal Investigation Department dealing with serious sexual assaults, assaults and county drug lines and the Serious and Organised Crime Unit. During his time with the police he has completed a doctorate in Criminal Justice Studies at the University of Portsmouth focused on how officers' evidence electronic material that is stored in cloud computing networks. He is currently working on assessing the TVP strategic response to drugs and trialling a deferred prosecution scheme for drug possession also within TVP.



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DCI Jason Kew

South East Region Co-ordinator for Response to Crack and Heroin, Thames Valley Police

Jason Kew is a serving Detective Chief Inspector, seconded to the Home Office as the South East's Heroin and Crack action area co-ordinator. Jason leads on reducing drug related harm with key stakeholders working with Public health, politicians, drug service commissioners and providers and proactively involves lived experience into strategic decision-making panels to reduce stigma and amplify the voices of those most marginalised in our communities.

In Thames Valley Police, Jason designed and implemented a drug diversion scheme, which enables a person found by police with any controlled substance an opportunity for diversion to a drug service for their drug use to be assessed and education. This scheme avoids the need for arrest, interview, or admission of guilt and ensures that no criminal sanction is applied to the person's record, ensuring future opportunities are not compromised.

Jason, is studying a European Masters in drug studies with Middlesex university and volunteers with DrugFAM and Anyone's Child, supporting families bereaved through drug-related deaths.



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Natasha Dhumma

Head of Policy & Campaigns, Nationals AIDS Trust

Natasha Dhumma is Head of Policy and Campaigns at NAT leading on its harm reduction work among other public health issues such as sexual health and HIV prevention. Prior to this she worked at National Union of Students where she led on research into student drug use as part of her wider work managing NUS' liberation campaigns to tackle structural discrimination in education and wider society. She has also worked at Release, the national centre of expertise on drugs and drug laws, and the stop and search coalition StopWatch. Her background is in youth, anti-discrimination and criminal justice.



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Paul Andell

Senior Lecturer in Criminology, University of Suffolk

Paul has more than 25 years of experience of working in the criminal justice field. He has been employed in the statutory, voluntary and private sectors undertaking criminal justice related work in practice, policy and research. Paul is a current advisor to the All Political Party Group on Alcohol, Drugs and Crime. Paul's former practice was in Probation and Youth Justice in East London, he later worked as a Consultancy Manager for NACRO and Matrix Knowledge. Paul was a Performance Advisor for the Ministry of Justice, Community Safety Manager for the Greater London Assembly and a Director of Communities for a Youth Leadership Charity, Brathay. For 13 years, Paul was the Vice Chair of the Lambeth Community Police Consultative Committee, which was set up following Lord Scarman's Report into the Brixton Riots. Paul is the author of several academic papers regarding English street gangs and is author of the monograph Thinking Seriously About Gangs.



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Mary Bailey

Addictive Behaviours Programme Manager, Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council

Mary Bailey is the Addictive Behaviours Programme Manager at Sandwell Council. Her work on treatment resistant drinkers (the Sandwell Blue Light project) won the 2019 Royal Society of Public Health Award for Healthier Lifestyles and has been shortlisted as a finalist in the upcoming Guardian National Awards 2019. Mary's work features in the Association of Police & Crime Commissioners Best Practice Drug Policy Summit as a Red Box Policy Addendum and the Local Government Association's suite of best practice case studies "Helping to support and transform the lives of people affected by alcohol" 2019. Its evaluation demonstrates fulfilment of QIPP productivity requirements now featuring as a good practice case study for CCGs to consider in their STP planning.

Sandwell Blue Light was delivered in conjunction with Alcohol Change UK and works to reduce the demand on emergency services caused by treatment resistant drinkers helping to save money across the Health and Criminal Justice sector. More importantly it works to instil a belief across the system that treatment-resistant drinkers can be supported to reduce harms and are not beyond help

Throughout her career in the public sector Mary has always valued the power of working in partnership towards supporting the substance misuse agenda. Currently working towards her Masters in Public Health, Mary continues her passion to further delivery in the substance misuse field using her dissertation to focus on attendance at substance misuse services. Having an acute awareness of the spectrum of substance misuse needs, Mary is currently overseeing the implementation and evaluation of digital interventions for non-dependent users.



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Wayne Henderson

Director of Specialist Services, Inclusion Healthcare

Wayne Henderson is a Director and Mental Health Nurse working for Inclusion Health Care CIC in Leicester. His specialties include Substance Misuse, having worked in this area within the Homeless Community since 2003.

Having qualified from De Montfort University in 1997 with a BSc Hons in Mental Health Nursing, he worked on an acute admissions ward before moving to the community drug services in 2002; during which time he came to work in primary care alongside the Homeless GP practice where he has remained to this date. Wayne holds an RCGP part 1 & 2 Drug Misuse in Primary Care certificate.

Wayne is now a Director with Inclusion Health Care (ICH) focusing on their Specialist Services which includes the Management of No.5 service. He also represents ICH as part of the multiagency approach to addressing and reducing the impact of "Street Lifestyles" within Leicester City.



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Fiona Spargo-Mabbs

Director, Operations Manager and Founder, Daniel Spargo-Mabbs Foundation

The Daniel Spargo-Mabbs Foundation is a drug and alcohol education charity founded in January 2014 by Fiona and her husband in response to the death of their 16-year-old son Daniel having taken ecstasy. The charity aims to support young people to make safe choices and reduce harm, through increasing their understanding of the effects and risks of drugs and alcohol and improving their life skills & resilience. The charity has developed an evidence-based, evaluated, multi-component drug and alcohol education programme for young people, their parents and teachers, including Theatre in Education. Fiona brings a wide range and depth of experience to this role from a long career working in education at operational and strategic management levels, as a teacher and manager working within a broad educational context at local authority, regional and national levels. Fiona's passionate commitment to do all she can to prevent any harm happening to anyone else's child from drugs or alcohol drives everything she and the DSM Foundation do.



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Thank you for attending our conference.

We hope you found the day interesting and insightful. Speaker presentations will be made available to download on completing the post show survey which will be emailed to you within one week after the event.

We wish you a safe journey home.

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