



SUBSTANCE USE

Centre for Public Health, Liverpool John Moores University

The Centre for Public Health has an international reputation for its development of substance use intelligence systems, evaluation, evidence review and original research. The team's work includes:



< National Collaborating Centre for Drug Prevention

The National Collaborating Centre for Drug Prevention (NCCDP) is a research partnership between the National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence and the Centre for Public Health. It has strong links with the National Young People and Drugs Programme Board and maintains a broad network of experts in drug misuse theory and practice. The NCCDP helps build the evidence base for drug prevention by identifying the most effective characteristics of programmes and interventions. The NCCDP aims to inform national and local policy and practice on drug misuse prevention and provide guidance for those delivering drug prevention services.

Monitoring & Intelligence >

The National Drug Treatment Monitoring System (NDTMS) is the official method of monitoring the extent and nature of structured drug treatment in England. The NDTMS is operated in the North West by a regional team within the Centre for Public Health.

The Inter Agency Drug Misuse Database (IAD) supports the need for local information on drug misuse across Merseyside & Cheshire. The system provides comprehensive reporting of problematic drug users, including demographics, drug use behaviours and service contact.

The Centre for Public Health is responsible for the monitoring of the Drug Interventions Programme (DIP) across three Regions of England. DIP aims to reduce drug related offending by moving drug using offenders through criminal justice interventions whilst retaining them in treatment.

The Centre for Public Health has developed the first integrated alcohol treatment monitoring system. This is provided across Cheshire and Merseyside.



< UK Focal Point on Drugs

The UK Focal Point is based jointly at the Centre for Public Health and the Department of Health. Along with equivalent organisations in other Member States, it provides detailed data and information to the European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction. In addition, the Centre for Public Health is responsible for the United Kingdom's contribution to the Exchange on Drug Demand Reduction Action (EDDRA) database. EDDRA collects entries from across Europe on the details of interventions to reduce the demand for drugs.

Original research & evaluation >

The Centre for Public Health has a comprehensive portfolio of diverse drug related research and evaluation, including:

- Service evaluations
- Needs assessments
- Injecting drug use
- Cannabis
- Young people
- Drug related deaths
- Treatment outcomes
- Drugs & crime

