



# Annual Conference

## 5 June 2025

## 2025 Annual Conference Programme

9:00-10:00	Registration, coffee, and networking
10:00-10:10	Welcome remarks
10:10-10:20	Neil Gray MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care, Scottish Government
10:20-10:30	Pamela Dudek OBE, Independent Chair, Dundee ADP
10:30-11:10	<b>Keynote: Prof Julia Buxton, Professor of Justice, Liverpool John Moores University</b> <i>Global Trends and Lessons to Learn</i>
11:10-11:45	Networking and move to parallel sessions
11:45-13:00	Parallel sessions
13:00-14:00	Lunch and networking
14:00-14:15	Poster session
14:15-15:00	<b>Panel chaired by Dr Anna Ross, Lecturer in Health in Social Sciences, The University of Edinburgh</b> <i>Taking the longer view: Evidence Informed Policy in Future Strategic Drug and Alcohol Approach</i>
15:00-15:30	<b>Keynote: Dr Rob Calder, Chief Executive Officer, Society for the Study of Addiction</b> <i>The Society for the Study of Addiction at 140 years: Addressing New (and old) Challenges in Addiction Science</i>
15:30-15:45	Closing remarks and poster award
15:45-16:45	Refreshments and networking

Parallel Session 1:  
Parental and Gender Perspectives  
on Substance Use and Recovery

<b>11:45-12:00</b>	<b>Louise Marryat</b> Preschool Developmental Outcomes of Children Exposed to Opioids in Pregnancy: Results from Scottish Administrative Data as part of the Opioid in Pregnancy Study
<b>12:00-12:15</b>	<b>Shona Shinwell</b> An Exploration of Long-Term Health Outcomes for Women with Opioid Use Disorder During Pregnancy: A Mixed Methods Systematic Review
<b>12:15-12:30</b>	<b>Josh Dumbrell</b> Realist Review of Nature-Based Interventions for Men: Understanding Contexts, Mechanisms, and Outcomes for Effective Treatment and Recovery
<b>12:30-12:45</b>	<b>Miriam Boeri</b> Drug Use and Mothering: Comparing UK and US Policy, Practice, and Lived Experiences
<b>12:45-13:00</b>	<b>Vicky Mitchell</b> Maternal Substance Use and Breastfeeding of Infants Placed in Care

## Parallel Session 2: Treatment and Recovery

<b>11:45-12:00</b>	<b>Kathryn Young</b> Offering Support in the Small Things: Helping People Feel They Matter
<b>12:00-12:15</b>	<b>Laura Roe</b> Catastrophe: Experiences of Acute and Chronic Crises in Poly-drug Use
<b>12:15-12:30</b>	<b>Jake Hawthorne</b> "A very Different type of Recovery": An Interpretative Phenomenological Analysis of Psychedelic Use in Recovery from Addiction
<b>12:30-12:45</b>	<b>Katy MacLeod</b> Preventing Burnout in Volunteers and the LLE Drug and Alcohol Workforce
<b>12:45-13:00</b>	<b>Sam Steele</b> "We See You is a Lifeline for me": Figure 8 Evaluation of the We See You Project

Parallel Session 3:  
People Experiencing Incarceration  
or Homelessness

<b>11:45-12:00</b>	<b>Victoria Marland</b> Changing Trends in Synthetic Cannabinoid Receptor Agonist (SCRA) use in Scottish Prisons: Detection, Prevalence and Modes of use
<b>12:00-12:15</b>	<b>Catriona Connell</b> Relational Influences on Help-Seeking for Substance Use Among Justice Involved People in Scotland
<b>12:15-12:30</b>	<b>Dave Griffiths</b> Perceived Support for Help-Seeking Amongst the Peers of Justice-Involved Substance Users in Scotland
<b>12:30-12:45</b>	<b>Jen Boyd</b> Clustering of Substance Use Behaviours in Those Experiencing Homelessness in Scotland and England and the Association with Socio-Demographics, Including Geographic Location
<b>12:45-13:00</b>	<b>Richard Kjellgren</b> Post-Imprisonment Substance Use Service Contacts by People Released from Scottish Prisons: Preliminary Findings from a Retrospective Cohort Study (RELEASE)

Parallel Session 4:  
Forensic Science, Drug-Related Deaths,  
and Harm Reduction

<b>11:45-12:00</b>	<b>Riyadh Alghamdi</b> Evaluation of Xylazine Immunoassay Test Strips for the Rapid In-Situ Detection of Xylazine: Assessment of Limit of Detection and Selectivity
<b>12:00-12:15</b>	<b>Natalia Dygas</b> Analysing the Impact of Gabapentinoid Reclassification on Gabapentin and Pregabalin Related Deaths in the UK
<b>12:15-12:30</b>	<b>Cassandra Baiano</b> Suicide as a Drug-related Harm: Evidence from 2016-2023 Post-mortem Analyses in NHS Tayside
<b>12:30-12:45</b>	<b>Lorna Nisbet</b> Evaluation of Nitazene Immunoassay Test Strips for Rapid In-Situ Detection of Nitazene and Nitazene Analogs as a Harm Reduction Tool
<b>12:45-13:00</b>	<b>Graeme Callander</b> Redesigning our Community Hub to Deliver Focused Harm Reduction

## Poster Presentations

**Josh Dumbrell**

Digital Lifelines Scotland: Transforming Treatment and Recovery Pathways Through Enhanced Digital Access

**Morgan Torrance**

Exploration of Evaluation Methods for Greenspace Programmes Designed to Improve Health and Well-being for Those Experiencing Poor Mental Health and Problem Substance Use

**Paul Toner**

Post-Traumatic Growth in Adults in Recovery from Problematic Substance Use

**Hadi Daneshvar**

AI and Wearable Device for Prediction Overdose Session

**Beata Ciesluk**

Addiction Services in Scotland: Exploring the Experiences of Addiction Treatment Providers

**Samantha Stewart**

Supporting Meaningful Involvement of People with Lived and Living Experience in Research and Evaluation Work

**Giorgia De Paoli**

Still Dealing with Paracetamol Overdoses: Hospital Admissions in Scotland from 2010- 2021

**Alasoul Saif**

Drug Characterisation and Impurity Mapping Using R



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