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### **Treatment and helping organisations:**

[12 Step Treatment Centres](#) has a guide to 12 step treatment centres offering care for drug addiction / alcoholism or any addiction related problems.

[Action on Hepatitis C](#) is a voluntary organisation based in the United Kingdom. The site contains information about Hepatitis C, a list of members and a links page.

[Addaction](#) gives details on individual projects, research and development, training courses and access to networks.

[Addiction Help Services](#) assists drug and/or alcohol addicts by connecting them with drug and alcohol addiction treatment centres.

[Adfam](#) is a national charity working with families affected by drugs and alcohol. They provide a range of publications and resources for families.

[AIM, Alcohol in Moderation](#) includes a large number of drink-related articles and a consumer site about sensible drinking, government guidelines and health.

[Alcoholics Anonymous](#) is an informal society of more than 2,000,000 recovered alcoholics in the United States, Canada, and other countries who meet in local groups.

[Beating Addictions](#) contains many articles on beating all sorts of addictions.

[Benzodiazepine Action, Withdrawal and Recovery](#) contains a wealth of information on benzodiazepines and lots of self help information.

[Benzo Recovery](#) a self-management programme developed by a recovered involuntary benzodiazepine addict.

[Black Poppy](#) is a health and lifestyle magazine for the drugs community that covers drug related issues such as treatment, personal experiences, policies and harm reduction.

[CAIS](#) is a leading drug and alcohol agency in North Wales. CAIS Provides a range of services to help clients overcome their drug or alcohol problem.

[Cannabis Help](#) has been created to help people who want to cut down or stop using cannabis. It includes information about cannabis's effects, risks, ways of reducing harm and the legal status of cannabis in the UK.

[Cocaine Anonymous](#) is a fellowship of men and women who share their experiences in an effort to help each other recover from addiction.

[Cocaine Help](#) aims to help people with cocaine or crack cocaine addiction to find help and support among others.

[Compass](#) is a non profit organisation set up to provide services to people concerned with the health and social impact of illicit drug use.

[Exchange Supplies](#) is designed to give drug users and drug workers access to free information about making drug use -

particularly injecting drug use.

[FARS - Farsi Addiction Recovery Service](#) is a free and confidential service that offers information and support to the Farsi speaking community affected by substance misuse. FARS raises awareness of addiction and promotes treatment and recovery.

[FRANK](#) incorporates a phone line, 0800 776600 and a website. FRANK provides free, confidential drugs information and advice 24 hours a day to anyone that needs it.

[Hepatitis C Trust](#) is a national organisation that provides support and information for those with or affected by hepatitis C, including a telephone helpline.

[Lifeline Project](#), includes information on the organisation's harm reduction philosophy, the services they provide (including needle exchange, outreach, services for parents of drug users) and their publications.

[Life or Meth](#) is the methamphetamine awareness, prevention and empowerment resource for gay men and their friends.

[Medicines Guide](#), an online resource providing patients and the general public with information about UK-licensed medicines including those for drug dependence.

[Narcotics Anonymous](#) in the UK gives information on the fellowship, details of meetings nationwide, and access to the helpline and discussion forum.

[Parents against Drug Abuse](#), contains information and details of support group for parents.

[RAPt](#), the Rehabilitation for Addicted Prisoners Trust, is a charity which helps people with drug and alcohol dependence move towards, achieve and maintain drug and crime-free lives.

[Release](#) is the national legal and drugs advice service. Release provides a range of services dedicated to meeting the health, welfare and legal needs of drugs users and those who live and work with them.

[Roofie Foundation](#), is an organisation set up to provide help and assistance to victims of date rape. The site includes legal advice on what to do if you have experienced date rape.

[User's Voice](#) provides a health and policy forum for/by drug-users. It facilitates the involvement of drug-users in promoting and enacting harm reduction policies and interventions and advocates for legally regulated drug use.

### **Organisations for professionals:**

[Alchemy Project Ltd](#) offers a wide range of consultancy, training and other services within the substance misuse field, including providing services to businesses and organisations on drug and alcohol issues in the workplace.

[Alcohol Concern](#) is the national agency on alcohol misuse. They work to reduce the incidence and costs of alcohol-related harm and to increase the range and quality of services available.

[Association of Nurses in Substance Abuse \(ANSA\)](#) is an interest group for nurses working in drug and alcohol services. ANSA acts as an advisory service to health and social care bodies and institutions.

[Beckley Foundation Drug Policy Programme](#) is dedicated to providing a rigorous, independent review of global drug policy.

[COCA](#) (Conference on Crack and Cocaine) aims to raise awareness of the changing needs of the Crack Cocaine User through information dissemination and networking to purchasers, providers and public.

[Daily Dose](#) is the world's leading news service on drug and alcohol misuse. The web site is updated daily at approximately 09:00 BST and provides links to a range of relevant material from specialist organisations and the popular media from around the world.

[Drink and Drugs News](#) is a web portal for professionals in the substance misuse sector and wider health, social care & criminal justice settings - and for individuals affected by drugs and alcohol use.

[Drugs and Housing](#) is a resource for drugs workers and housing agencies. It provides a comprehensive set of resources for professionals addressing the dual issues of housing need and substance use.

[Drug Misuse Information in Scotland](#) provides information, statistics and research relating to the implementation of the

Scottish Drug Misuse Information Strategy.

[Drug Treatment Monitoring Unit](#), monitors people in drug treatment.

[Drugs training 4 free](#) is a drug training website from Kirklees Safer Communities Partnership for parents, carers, employers, or anyone who is worried about someone using drugs.

[Drugsfutures](#) is a government-funded initiative, organised by the Academy of Medical Sciences, to shape policy through consultation on drugs issues.

[Eastern Drugs Co-ordination Team \(N. Ireland\)](#) contains information about the drug situation in the Eastern Health and Social Services Board and Northern Ireland as a whole.

[European Association for the Treatment of Addiction \(EATA\)](#) is the largest membership organisation for the independent drug and alcohol treatment and aftercare sector. Their aim is to ensure that people with substance dependencies get the treatment they need.

[Federation of Drug and Alcohol Professionals](#)(FDAP) is the professional body for practitioners working with people with substance use problems.

[Homeless Link](#) is the national membership organisation for frontline homelessness agencies in England.

[International Harm Reduction Association](#) (IHRA) includes the latest news from the organisation, the regional harm reduction networks and the global harm reduction movement.

[KFX](#) - drug consultancy initiative. Website includes information on consultancy and has drug news, facts, bulletins and more

[Leeds Addiction Unit \(LAU\)](#) hosts the site of the Regional Drug Misuse Database, Northern and Yorkshire regions, which gives statistical information for this area, and details of the services and function of the LAU.

[Lifeline Project](#), includes information on the organisations harm reduction philosophy, the services they provide (including needle exchange, outreach, services for parents of drug users) and their publications.

[Mentor Foundation](#) an international non-government not-for-profit organisation with a focus on the prevention of drug misuse and the promotion of the health and well-being of young people

[National Treatment Agency](#), has a remit to increase the capacity, quality and effectiveness of drug treatment in England. The NTA aims to do this in three ways: improving the quality of commissioning; promoting evidence-based practice and monitoring performance to ensure the quality and effectiveness of the treatment available to communities.

[Primary Care Electronic Library \(PCEL\)](#) This library has indexed and classified over one thousand internet sites relevant to primary care.

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[Re-solv](#) deals with all aspects of solvent and volatile substance abuse, it has a special focus on the needs of young people.

[Scottish Addiction Studies](#) gives details of the certificate in Drug and Alcohol Studies plus other training/consultancy activities, research projects and their library of online documents.

[Scottish Drugs Forum](#) is the national policy and information agency coordinating action on drug issues in Scotland.

[Solve It](#) provides volatile solvent abuse education, training, and awareness for parents, professionals, the community and most importantly children and young people.

[Special Needs and Drug Education](#) gives guidance on drug education for children and young people with learning difficulties.

[Substance Misuse Management in General Practice\(SMMGP\)](#) is a developing network to support GPs and other members of the primary health care team who work with substance misuse.

[The Federation](#) is a membership organisation and national charity, providing support to BME communities and professionals within the Health and Social Care fields.

[The National Needle Exchange Forum](#) This site outlines the work of the forum, a group of needle exchange workers from England and Wales that meets between 2 and 4 times a year.

[Transform](#) is an anti-prohibition campaign group for changes in drug policy, includes on the site information on organisational aims, FAQs and members journal.

[UK Harm Reduction Alliance](#), aims to use the internet as the focus for activists committed to harm reduction to interact and engage with each other. The site is a place where people can raise ideas, share knowledge and find answers to the questions that aren't answered elsewhere.

### **Research/Academic Addiction:**

[Addiction Today](#) is a journal published by The Addiction Recovery Foundation, a UK based charity dedicated to providing current information on the treatment and recovery from addictions and dependencies.

[Beckley Foundation Drug Policy Programme](#) is dedicated to providing a rigorous, independent review of global drug policy.

[Centre for Drug Misuse Research](#) at the University of Glasgow, gives details of research projects undertaken at the centre and publications.

[Drug and Alcohol Findings](#) is an online resource devoted to evidence on the effectiveness of interventions to treat, prevent or reduce drug and alcohol problems. Target readers are practitioners, managers, commissioners, and others involved in drug and alcohol services and interventions who want to improve their effectiveness by reference to research findings.

[Drug Misuse Information in Scotland](#) provides information, statistics and research relating to the implementation of the Scottish Drug Misuse Information Strategy.

[Independent Drug Monitoring Unit \(IDMU\)](#) is an independent research consultancy, specifically conducting large-scale surveys of drug users and providing expert evidence to the courts in criminal cases involving controlled drugs.

[National Addiction Centre](#), is based at the Institute of Psychiatry, King's College, London. Their activities cover training, policy analysis and treatment and prevention interventions.

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[Police Foundation](#) The Foundation was created as an independent research charity focusing on policing issues of public concern. It's primary aim is to help develop more efficient and effective policing through applied research and development, education and training.

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[Schools Health Education Unit \(SHEU\)](#), The SHEU is a research unit that offers survey, research and evaluation services to all those concerned with the health and social development of young people. They conduct surveys into young peoples drug use on a regular basis.

[Society for the Study of Addiction \(SSA\)](#), was founded in 1884 and has an international membership. The SSA currently publishes two journals, Addiction and Addiction Biology.

### **Government:**

[Crime Reduction Toolkits](#) brings together information on the latest developments, research findings and approaches to tackling drug related crime. It includes tools for identifying problems, developing responses and monitoring progress as well as highlighting practical measures to make communities safer.

[Department of Health](#) Main government site providing health and social care policy, guidance and publications.

[DrugsPrevention.net](#) aims to provide a wide range of drug-related information including up-to-date information on the current drug situation in Northern Ireland. The intention is to support those individuals, organisations and agencies who work in drug prevention, treatment and education throughout Northern Ireland.

[Health Education Board for Scotland](#), giving facts on the different drug groups, legal and first aid information, and contacts

for advice or help.

[Home Office](#) Main government site providing information on drugs, laws, policies etc.

[NHS Regional Laboratory for Toxicology](#) offers a range of services, including screening for commonly misused drugs including volatile substances. The site gives information on the screening process including the techniques used and detection times for specific drugs.

### **Young people:**

[Chanel4Drugs](#) gives the facts on everything from physical and mental health to the law through features and personal stories.

[D-World](#) is DrugScope's website for young people aged 11-14 (Key Stage 3) with factfiles, project guides, pictures and videos.

[Frank](#) has a detailed A-Z drugs factfile, information for the friends and families of drug users and a telephone/email helpline.

[Know the Score](#) provides information and advice on drugs and drug issues in Scotland.

[Lifebytes](#) provides health information based on the National Curriculum for Key Stage 3 pupils (11-14 year olds).The drugs section includes facts, the law and a quiz.

[Need2Know](#) contains information on drugs, relationships, etc., geared specifically towards teenagers.

[Sorted for drugs and alcohol](#) contains questions, features, factsheets, personal experiences, etc., relating to drugs and drug issues.

[TheSite.org](#) contains Information and advice for 16 to 24 year olds on a variety of issues, including drink and drugs. There is a question and answer service and a buzzing online community.

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