



THE 4TH UK CONFERENCE ON THE REDUCTION OF DRUG RELATED HARM

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Established in 2000, UKHRA provides an alternative forum for critical debate and presents a challenge to the imbalance in policy and practice as national drug strategies have become increasingly dominated by a criminal justice agenda. UKHRA campaign for the promotion of harm reduction strategies within UK drug policy drawing on evidence and examples of good practice which support and promote interventions based on improvement in health and social welfare.

This year's conference emphasises the need for re-focusing health based interventions. With the number of blood borne virus infections increasing year on year and overdose related deaths continuing to present a major problem, we need to improve effective prevention interventions and gain a better understanding of what works best.

The conference offers the opportunity to consider new information, monitor the direction of current policy and practice and share challenging ideas. This year has a full and varied programme and I hope to see you there. Jon Derricott, UKHRA Chair

Venue

This year's conference venue, The Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA), is ideally located at 66 Portland Place, London W1B 1AD. The venue offers comfortable and accessible conference facilities within easy walking distance of the heart of London's West End and Euston, Paddington and King's Cross stations.

Conference

The event will open on Thursday 23 September at 7.00pm with an informal pre-conference social evening at RIBA during which the recipient of the annual Tom Waller Award will be announced. This award is given for significant contribution to the development of harm reduction policy and practice in the UK. Although the social event is optional, all delegates are welcome to attend and the price is included in the delegate fee. The conference will open with registration on Friday morning at 9.00am. The programme will commence at 9.45am and run through until 4.45pm.

Format

The conference will offer a mix of plenary presentations and parallel workshop sessions allowing delegates the opportunity to look in depth at a range of issues.

Audience

This conference is aimed at drug workers, drug users, other health and social care professionals, criminal justice workers, researchers, policy makers and commissioners.

Conference Fees

All fees include the UKHRA social event on 23 September and all refreshments and materials on 24 September. Please note that accommodation is NOT included.

UKHRA member fee – £99.00 plus VAT

Non member fee – £120.00 plus VAT

Subsidised Registration

There are a limited number of subsidised registration places for members of drug user organisations. To qualify for a subsidised place, delegates will need to submit a short letter with their registration form outlining the details of the organisation they are affiliated to and their reasons

for wanting to attend the conference. The fee for subsidised registration is £30 plus VAT.

Registration

Please complete and return the attached reply slip or register online at www.hit.org.uk/conferences. You will receive confirmation of your booking by post including a receipted invoice. Full joining instructions will be sent three weeks before the conference date.

Methods of Payment

Payment must be received before the date of the conference. Payment can be made by any of the following methods:

- Cheque made payable to HIT.
- Credit/Debit card payment (Visa, Mastercard or Switch). You will be charged an additional handling fee for banking charges.
- Invoice. Payment must be sent on receipt of the invoice.

Exhibition

During the conference there will be an exhibition allowing organisations to promote their work to delegates. If you would like to have a display stand and/or place inserts in the delegate packs please email HIT on conferences@hit.org.uk or telephone 0870 990 9704.

Accommodation

There are a range of hotels to suit all budgets close to the venue. A list is available on request. We have negotiated a preferential rate with the three star Ibis London Euston Hotel. The hotel is next to Euston station and a 15 minute walk from the venue. The preferential rate is £74.95 including VAT for bed and breakfast. Please call the hotel on 020 7388 7777 and quote 'HIT' as the reference to receive this rate.

Cancellation Policy

For cancellations received before 10 September 2004 a refund, minus £25 administration fee, will be made. For cancellations after this date, a refund will not normally be made. Cancellations must be received in writing.

Programme

Thursday 23 September

7.00pm Evening reception with presentation of the Tom Waller Award

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Chair — **Jon Derricott**, UKHRA Chair

9.00am Registration

9.45am **Welcome and introduction**
Jon Derricott, UKHRA Chair

10.00am **Hepatitis C: update on prevalence, risk and the implications for our response**
Ali Judd, Centre for Research on Drugs and Health Behaviour, Imperial College, London

10.30am **Harm reduction: the contribution and role of the toxicologist**
Robert Forrest, Professor of Forensic Toxicology, The Medico-Legal Centre, The University of Sheffield

11.00am Refreshments

11.30am **Drugs and crime: implications for practice from a review of causation and coercion**
Alex Stevens, Senior Researcher at the European Institute of Social Services, University of Kent

12.00am **Drug law reform and harm reduction: finding the common ground**
Danny Kushlick, Director of Transform Drug Policy Foundation

12.30pm Lunch

1.45pm Parallel sessions

■ **Obstacles to user involvement**

Jaye Foster, Service Manager, Healthy Options Team, London

■ **Dual diagnosis – understanding drug use in people with mental illness**

Prashant Phillips, Lecturer/Practitioner in Substance Misuse, City University and Camden & Islington Mental Health & Social Care NHS Trust, London

■ **D.I.Y research: conducting research with drug users**

Daren Garratt, DAT Co-ordinator, Walsall; **Spencer Roberts**, D.I.Y/User Friendly

■ **Safe injecting rooms and their potential to enhance health: latest evidence**

Jo Kimber, Centre for Research on Drugs and Health Behaviour, Imperial College, London

■ **Harm reduction basics for new practitioners**

Danny Morris, Development Manager, Drug Services, Herefordshire PCT/
Freelance Trainer & Consultant; **Jacquie Oliver**, user activist

■ **Commissioning high quality harm reduction services**

Barry Eveleigh, Commissioning Manager, Coventry DAT

2.45pm Refreshments

3.15pm **Some common drug myths and their implications for harm reduction**
Dr Ross Coomber, Principal Lecturer in Sociology, University of Plymouth

3.45pm **Drug dealing in communities**
Tiggey May, Senior Research Fellow, Institute for Criminal Policy Research, King's College London

4.15pm **Enhancing the sexual health of drug users**
Dr Mary Hepburn, Senior Lecturer in Women's Reproductive Health,
Princess Royal Maternity Hospital, Glasgow

4.45pm **Closing remarks**

All of the above speakers have been invited to present at this conference. The programme may be subject to change prior to the event.

Registration form

Please complete this form and return to the address overleaf. Please print or type all information.
Registration can also be completed online at www.hit.org.uk/conferences

Personal details

First name(s): Surname:

Position: Department:

Organisation:

Address:

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Postcode: Tel:

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Special requirements – please outline any special requirements eg. mobility, hearing, diet etc.

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Please indicate if you will attend the conference social evening on Thursday 23 September 2004

Registration fee information

Please tick the appropriate box.

Fees

UKHRA member (£99 plus VAT) **£116.32** including VAT

Please quote membership number if known

Non member (£120 plus VAT) **£141.00** including VAT

Subsidised registration (£30 plus VAT) **£35.25** including VAT

I have included a covering letter with this form (subsidised registrations only)

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Please tick the appropriate boxes.

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Name (as it appears on credit card):

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The UK Harm Reduction Alliance is an active network of drug workers, health care professionals, drug users and researchers seeking to promote a harm reduction focus in UK drug policy.

Our 2004 annual conference will be focusing on health issues and addressing the continuing role of harm reduction in the UK.

A major event for anyone interested in reducing drug related harm.

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