

SCOTLAND'S DRUG DEATHS CRISIS

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**A Scotland free from
drug-related health and
social harm.**

VISION

MISSION

**To improve Scotland's approach
to drug-related issues. We
influence this through our work
by striving for compassionate,
inclusive, evidence-informed
policy and practice.**

 **INFORMING**  **LEADING**  **SUPPORTING**  **EMPOWERING**  **REPRESENTING**



STRATEGIES TO PREVENT DRUG DEATHS



IMPROVING
SCOTLAND'S
HEALTH



Rights, Respect and Recovery

Scotland's strategy to improve health by preventing and reducing alcohol and drug use, harm and related deaths



House of Commons
Scottish Affairs Committee

Problem drug use in Scotland

First Report of Session 2019

Report, together with formal minutes relating to the report

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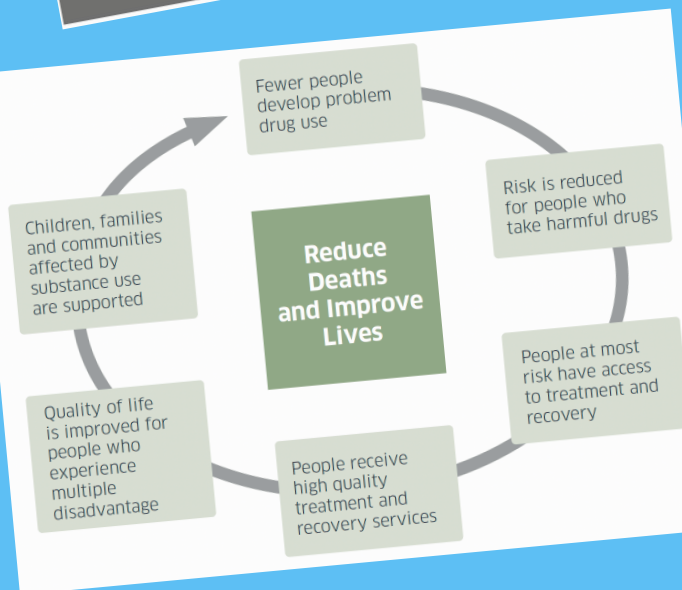
Responding to Drug Use with Kindness, Compassion and Hope

A report from the Dundee Drugs Commission

PART ONE – THE REPORT

Presented to the Dundee Partnership

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Our Final Report
July 2022



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A Caring, Compassionate and Human Rights Informed Drug Policy for Scotland



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NATIONAL COLLABORATIVE



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SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT NATIONAL MISSION



In January 2021, the First Minister announced a new **National Mission to reduce drug deaths and harms**

Emergency response – addressing the immediate harms and preventing overdose from becoming fatal;

Reducing risk through improving the accessibility and quality of treatment;

Reducing vulnerability by addressing the complex needs of people experiencing drug problems

'THE THISTLE' - UK'S FIRST OFFICIAL SAFER DRUG CONSUMPTION FACILITY



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Policy Intentions

**Implementation
Gap**



Actual Outcomes



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