# LIVING EXPERIENCES OF DRUG MARKETING

**SCOTTISH DRUGS FORUM** 

LIVING EXPERIENCE IS DIRECT EXPERIENCE OF LIVING WITH A DRUG PROBLEM. THIS MAY INCLUDE PEOPLE WHO ARE CURRENTLY USING DRUGS AND/OR PEOPLE WHO ARE **ACCESSING MEDICATION ASSISTED** TREATMENT OR OTHER FORMS OF TREATMENT AND SUPPORT



## LIVING EXPERIENCE ENGAGEMENT PROGRAMME

5 year National programme commenced in 2021, funded by Scottish Government

Regional groups which provide safe spaces for those with living experience to discuss what matters to them and express their views on the issues affecting their treatment and support.

- 12 groups across Scotland with 120+ attendees meeting weekly-Highland group in Inverness
- Harm reduction education via training and support to access drug checking
- National network-informing national policy, practice and research
- Sustainability and autonomy- constitution, vocational qualifications and mentoring
- Coming soon- a peer magazine...









Do YOU have VIEWS on what **SUPPORT** is needed or have YOU faced BARRIERS when ACCESSING SERVICES?

Would **YOU** like to come along to a LIVING EXPERIENCE GROUP to have YOUR VOICE HEARD and to **PROMOTE CHANGE** in your **LOCAL AREA?** 

The group is a **SAFE PLACE** where **ALL VIEWS are GATHERED ANONYMOUSLY.** 

Tea, coffee and lunch provided.





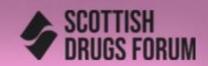






## DRUG TRENDS

- Crack cocaine, street benzodiazepines and Pregabalin are the most commonly used substances by group members
- Around 70% of regular attendees reporting using cocaine or crack
- Poor quality heroin, very few group members use
- Reports of poorer quality cocaine, suspicions of adulteration
- Group members report all drugs are readily available
- County lines- reports of supply from Liverpool,
   Manchester, East Midlands and London



## LIVING EXPERIENCE DRUG TRENDS

## BULLETIN JULY-DEC 2024

### SOCIAL MEDIA/APPS

- Platforms such as Snapchat, TikTok, Instagram, Facebook
- Messaging platforms including Telegram, What's App, Signal
- Multiple platforms may be used or used in combination with phone lines
- Many groups operate as invitation only
- Accounts update regularly, handles may be reused





## MARKETING

- The same marketing strategies apply! Deals/offers, home delivery service, advertising, reviews, exclusive access
- Menus with pricing sent out contacts
- Contact by message or phone line, arrange door to door or meeting point drop off
- Examples of unsolicited messaging via socials
- Phone line handlers and drivers replaced quickly



#### Menu is restocked

Ket **MDMA** Coke

All in stock

Message us for delivery 🙈























Dutch Amnesia Hayze 1.75g - £20 3.5g - £40 7g - £70 14g - £130

Purple Star Dawg Qs - £80 14g - £140

Polin 7g - £25 28g - £80

Drivers From 1pm - 1am Daily

**Pickups Gives Better Value** 

DEALS ALL DAY 07513252963 Snapchat drgreengo2019













1 - £30

2 - £50

4 - £90



1-£30

2 - £50

4 - £90



Score - £20 Half q - £25

Quarter -£50

Half Oz £100

Full Oz £200



#### How to order

- Submit your order to
- Proceed to make payment and provide proof of transaction
- Provide a postal code for delivery (our choice)
- We will confirm your order once we verify your payment
- 10pm till late We will notify you once the drop is done. (Please be at the location that you've provided us)
- Please update us once you've collected your order



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#### we are open we are open we are open

Driver on the road , message us for delivery

10/10 prop

New 10/10 dawg in

THU, IT HOV

Looking for full time and part time driver

Cash in hand 7 days a week available Different shift patterns

Please no time wasters

19:12

## **TELEGRAM**

- Main platform used locally
- Invite only channels
- Focus on user privacy: end-to-end encrypted messaging, notifies if screenshots taken
- Single vendor and multi vendor groups
- Cash on delivery locally or some remote purchase via cryptocurrencies
- Postal vendors use Royal Mail, vacuum sealed packaging

<u>How The British Telegram Drug Market Works – Talking Drugs</u> (Crane, 2024)



## **OPPORTUNITIES**

Some vendors and members on channels share safety information on things like dosage, purities or testing data

What more can be done to:

- engage on these platforms with a harm reduction approach?
- to promote treatment and support?





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