

ADVISORY COUNCIL ON MISUSE OF DRUGS

(93rd Meeting)

Thursday 23rd March 2023 2.30pm MS Teams

PART A

In attendance –

[redacted], Chief Probation Officer, and Chairperson
[redacted], Acting Chief Pharmacist
[redacted], Senior Public Health Policy Officer
[redacted], Official Analyst
[redacted], Director of Customs and Immigration.
[redacted], Consultant in Emergency Medicine
[redacted], Legal Adviser.
[redacted], Pharmacist.
[redacted], States of Jersey Police.
[redacted], Consultant Psychiatrist HSS
[redacted] Alcohol & Drug Service.
[redacted], Clerk

Note: The minutes of this meeting comprise of Part A and Part B

Declaration of interests.

A1. [redacted] reminded the Council of his involvement with the Weekend Welfare.

Minutes.

A2. The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 12th December 2022 were not received but would be presented at the next meeting.

Apologies.

A3. Apologies were received from the Attorney General.

A4. Update: Medicinal Cannabis.

[redacted] and [redacted] were putting together a subcommittee which would be having their first meeting on 28th April. [redacted] informed the Council of the following areas which they were going to address: production, clinics, pharmacies and, overarching all of these, regulation.

[redacted]

From an alcohol and drug perspective [redacted] corroborated the increase cocaine use stating more of her clients were using and using greater amounts. She added that this trend was in line with the increase in cocaine use in the UK.

[redacted] asked whether there was a correlation between an increase in A&E attendance with alcohol issue and increased cocaine use; the attendance at A&E now being back to pre-covid levels. He noted that he had seen [redacted] people presenting with [redacted] in the last six months but would keep an eye out for any others.

[redacted] stated that the Analyst's had seen an increase in cocaine submissions, but there had also been an increase in ketamine samples received although not in large amounts. He added that there had also been [redacted] and so that issue had not entirely gone away.

A6. AOB – [redacted] stated that there had been a delay in presenting the Substance Use Strategy to ministers, which would now occur on 25th April.

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He added that work was being done on digital opportunities to encourage self-assessments and brief interventions and self-monitoring for alcohol and drug use which is part of the wider health care apps system that was being implemented to target people before they ended up at the alcohol and drug service and who were not engaging in any services.

[redacted] informed the Council that the British and Irish Council had met for the first time this year on the drug and alcohol workstream, and he was looking to publish two papers through them: “drug related deaths” and “Covid 19 and its impact on Drug and alcohol services”. These would be available when they are published by BIC.

A7. Date of next meeting. Thursday 15th June 2.30pm Teams.

