

DUNDEE DRUG MISUSE COMMISSION

INITIAL CALL FOR EVIDENCE

Dundee, like most cities, has problems with drug misuse which impact on many of our communities. This is a complex and serious issue and the Council, NHS Tayside and all our partners in the city are determined to take action to address it.

The Alcohol and Drug Partnership is setting up an independent commission to investigate this, scrutinise local services and make recommendations on how, as a city and a community planning partnership, we can address this and turn our outcomes around.

This is being supported by local and national politicians and local service commissioners and managers, so we have the right climate to ask the hard questions and introduce meaningful change. Its independence will enable it to be rigorous and challenging whilst also acknowledging the challenges faced by local services.

There will also be considerable emphasis given to the voices of those with lived experience.

We need to develop a stronger evidence base, going beyond the data to look at what is happening in practice.

Through this initial call for evidence, we want to understand how the work of professionals across Dundee in supporting those who have problematic drug use can make a positive difference to their outcomes. Specifically, we are interested in:

- 1. What are the challenges and barriers we face in Dundee to developing opportunities for supporting those who have problematic drug use and their families?**
- 2. What examples are there of support and treatment improving the lives of those who have problematic drug use and their families in Dundee?**
- 3. We would also like to know what issues you think (and why) the Commission needs to investigate and report on?**

Once the Commission is fully up-and-running and had time to consider the responses to this initial Call for Evidence, a further Call for Evidence will be issued.

Responses to this initial Call for Evidence can be submitted via post or email to:

✉ Figure 8 (Dundee Drug Misuse Commission), 1st Floor, 30 Whitehall Street, Dundee, DD1 4AF

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All responses must be received by **Monday 21st May 2018 @ 5pm**

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