

# Substance Misuse & Coronavirus 19

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## Policy Changes & Delivery of Services

### Addiction services not equipped to treat the 8 million people drinking at high risk during pandemic

Years of cuts mean addiction services are ill-equipped to cope with post-pandemic surge

[Royal College of Psychiatrists](#)

### Changes in Coronavirus restrictions: 3.18 Support group meetings

Meetings can take place provided there are no more than 6 people [Gov.UK](#)

### Guidance for commissioners and providers of drug & alcohol services

Updated guidance on numbers allowed to meet and precautions to take [Gov.UK](#)

### Impact of banning alcohol during COVID-19

Some countries experimented with prohibition during the pandemic, what was the impact?

[BBC Worklife](#)

## Health & Behaviour

### Drugs even more available across Europe

EMCDDA annual report highlights fears about innovative drug distribution models developed during lockdown, and the impact of COVID-19 [Russell Webster blog](#)

### YouGov / Portman Group survey on alcohol consumption post COVID-19 lockdown

Report shows majority are drinking the same or less than before lockdown, with less than half returning to UK bars and pubs [Portman Group](#)

## Online Resources

### Bibliography on COVID-19 and addiction

Downloadable document lists articles from searches made on 14 September [Addiction](#)

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