

Substance Misuse & Coronavirus 19

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Policy Changes & Delivery of Services

Coronavirus advice for people who use drugs

Harm reduction advice to reduce risks of overdose, injecting and drug interactions

[Change, Grow, Live](#)

Covid-19 guide for drug and alcohol residential rehab and detox services

Updated (2 November) guidance specific to those short-stay services where COVID-19 may complicate normal treatment practice [Social Care Institute for Excellence](#)

Health & Behaviour

Addiction as a coping response: hyperkatifeia, deaths of despair and COVID-19

Examines the role of negative reinforcement in the development of addiction and explores how using substances to cope with the emotional strain of social isolation and financial uncertainty during the COVID-19 pandemic could contribute to deaths of despair.

[American Journal of Psychiatry](#)

Clinical impact of COVID-19 on people with substance use disorders

Study aimed to describe the clinical characteristics and outcomes of COVID-19 on people with substance use disorders [Journal of Public Health](#)

COVID-19 public health road map: alcohol consumption

Aims to support health officials use psychologically informed behaviour change approaches to optimise health improvement and mitigate increases in alcohol use

[British Psychological Society](#)

Welsh peer-led impact report reveals 25% suffered relapse during lockdown

Lack of connection, loss of routine and pause on vital coping mechanisms shook the resolve of even the most resilient service user [Volte Face](#)

Why are patients with COVID-19 at risk for drug-drug interactions?

Drug interactions are complicating treatment of coronavirus infection [Psychiatric Times](#)

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