

Substance Misuse & Coronavirus 19

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Policy & Delivery of Services

Managing kratom dependency with buprenorphine during COVID-19

Case report from a specialist community substance misuse treatment service

[Drug Science](#)

Online video support sessions

Videos for families, produced in response to reduction in face-to-face services. [Adfam](#)

Health & Behaviour

Alcohol consumption and harm during the COVID-19 pandemic

Collates data on consumption collected during 2020, compared with the previous years

[Public Health England](#)

Depressive symptoms, mental well-being, and substance use among adolescents before and during the COVID-19 pandemic in Iceland

A longitudinal, population-based study of 13-18-year olds.

[Lancet Psychiatry](#)

How did the COVID-19 pandemic affect people who inject drugs?

Reports on a Bristol-based study of the effects of the pandemic and services responses

[Health Protection Research Unit, University of Bristol](#)

Impact of COVID-19 related disruption on the moral economy of drug distribution

Global lockdowns caused unprecedented disruption to distribution, patterns of consumption

[University of Edinburgh, COVID-19 perspectives study](#)

New study identifies factors associated with increased drinking during lockdown

Longitudinal study looked at mood, motives and context of drinking, and mental health

[University of Liverpool](#) [with link to study in Drug and Alcohol Dependence]

Psychological distress, loneliness, alcohol use and suicidality in New Zealanders with mental illness during a strict COVID-19 lockdown

People with pre-existing mental health conditions have been disproportionately affected by the pandemic and associated restrictions [Australia & New Zealand Journal of Psychiatry](#)

Research

Impact of the pandemic on substance use research

Webinar from the Substance Use and Associated Behaviours Unit

[Manchester Metropolitan University](#)

Events

Myths, curfews, lockdowns and bans: Alcohol consumption & harms during COVID-19

90 min webinar on [Eventbrite](#), 17 Aug, 11am-12.30 Free; registration is required

