

London Chemsex Network

Terms of Reference

Introduction	<p>The London Chemsex Network was proposed in 2016 by London Friend working with AfterParty London. A scoping meeting was held in January 2017, inviting representatives of London's Drug Treatment Agencies. Chemsex is an increasingly reported trend amongst gay, bisexual and other men who have sex with men, typically characterised by the use of one or more of three substances (mephedrone; GHB/GBL; crystal methamphetamine) used to enhance and prolong sexual enjoyment.</p>
Purpose	<p>The London Chemsex Network seeks to link London's Drug Treatment Agencies to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Improve knowledge of chemsex• Share experience and good practice of working with chemsex participants• Exchange updates on resources, services etc.• Identify chemsex training needs and seek solutions• Identify opportunities for smarter working• Identify opportunities for strategic engagement with policy teams and commissioners
Membership	<p>The London Chemsex Network is primarily aimed at London's Drug Treatment Agencies. Membership is also encouraged from those working on drug treatment and/or sexual health policy and commissioners of drug treatment and/or sexual health services. Other stakeholder interest may include other healthcare professionals; sexual health practitioners; VCSE organisations, criminal justice system, etc.</p> <p>Membership is an informal process: those interested may join the mailing list. Network meetings will be advertised to members with a public process to register attendance.</p> <p>All members are invited to contribute to the development of the Network e.g. suggesting topics or guest speakers.</p>
Communications	<p>A emailing list is provided at: https://groups.io/g/LondonChemSexForum All members are encouraged to use this mailing group for discussion.</p>
Meetings	<p>The Network will aim to meet 4 times a year. Meeting may include training events.</p>
Secretariat	<p>During 2017 London Friend has received a small grant (£5,000) from Wandsworth Oasis for the development of the Network, including 2 training events. London Friend will therefore provide a Chair and Secretariat for 2017.</p>
Review	<p>These Terms of Reference should be reviewed on an annual basis.</p>
Date	<p>23rd June 2017</p>