

London Chemsex Network Meeting 8th December 2017



Notes from the meeting

Slides from the meeting can be found [here](#).

Item	Notes
Update from meeting June 2017	Notes and slides published on London Friend website here . Liaison with Public Health England has continued, and an update is given in this meeting. Training update on chemsex, consent and sexual assault arranged for this meeting.
Drug Strategy & PHE Chemsex Roundtable	The Government's new Drug Strategy was published in July, and contains specific reference & actions on chemsex for the first time. PHE held a roundtable event in October, and Wazi Khan from PHE London Region gave an update on this. Further PHE actions to be determined.
PrEP Impact Trial & HIV data Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update provided on the NHS England PrEP Impact Trial which is currently recruiting • Recruitment is particularly encouraged from trans communities, cliniQ will soon publish a new PrEP resource for trans people • Update provided on the latest HIV data showing a drop in new diagnoses in MSM • 56 Dean Street have a new 'Plan Zero' website with a simple decision making tool of options for HIV prevention: walk-through of site demonstrated, accessible at: http://dean.st/zero/
Training: Chemsex, Consent & Sexual Assault	As requested in the June meeting, Catherine Bewley from Galop and Stephen Morris from London Probation gave presentations on the increasingly emerging issues of chemsex, consent and sexual assault. This follows high profile cases such as Stephen Port and Stefano Brizzi, but also an increase in presentations seeking support to community organisations, and chemsex as a factor in sexual offending. Presentations will be uploaded soon. A brief update was also given from a recent Roundtable event with the Crown Prosecution Service looking at charging guidelines were drugs may be an additional consideration in reporting serious sexual assaults.
Resources	Two recent resources were highlighted: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gay Star News series of articles on chemsex: www.gaystarnews.com/chemsex • PHE's support packs for JSNAs (drugs pack contains prompts for LGBT communities, MSM, and chemsex: www.nta.nhs.uk/healthcare-JSNA.aspx
Suggestions for future topics	All Network Meeting attendees are encouraged to suggest topics for future events at any time, through the mailing list. Suggestions in the meeting were: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developing chemsex competence in services • Chemsex and mental health
Future meeting dates	TBC