

8th City Health Conference Europe



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"Learning from experience, planning for the future"



Welcome from the Local Hosts & Organisers

Dear Participants
Dear Guests
Dear Colleagues

Liverpool John Moores University already has strong international linkages. We are a community of over 100 nationalities and welcome hundreds of international students to our campuses each year. Many staff travel internationally and are engaged in research and teaching activities with colleagues in other countries in societies all across the world.

LJMU is an intrinsically connected institution. Our applied research base, our focus on learning for life and our position as a linchpin institution in the City of Liverpool embed engagement across our activities, building relationships that enrich and transform the lives of individuals and communities. We have a deep and enduring commitment to our local connections and collaborations, and ambitions to further develop the exciting range of alliances we have forged across the globe.

We are delighted to work in partnership with KAC in organising City Health International 2019 and welcome you to Liverpool John Moores University and the City of Liverpool.

Enjoy the conference!

For the local hosts and organisers
Jim McVeigh & Jennifer Lovelady
LJMU, Liverpool, UK

Welcome from KAC Communications

On behalf of the organisers we would like to welcome you to the City Health Conference, in the great city of Liverpool, with its rich history, including pioneering actions in public health.

We are delighted to be working with Liverpool John Moores University to deliver the event – an academic institution with an engaging approach, working closely with local communities to improve their quality of life.

The conference theme “Learning from Experience, Planning for the Future” reflects an increasing interest in what can be achieved at both city and population levels to tackle a range of health and social problems.

For the eighth time City Health provides an opportunity to exchange knowledge and to consider how we can most effectively deal with some of the major health issues confronting individuals and communities living in urban environments.

We encourage you to contribute to the debates and discussions during the day hope you find the conference interesting and informative.

For the conference organisers
Paddy Costall & Katarzyna Kinga Kowalczyk

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Paolo Pertica Award

The Paolo Pertica Award was established in 2004 by the European Network of Drugs and Infections Prevention in Prisons (ENDIPP) to mark the 10-year anniversary of the network. The creation of ENDIPP stemmed largely from Paolo's work with prisoners from a wide range of different nationalities incarcerated in London prisons. The award was created to acknowledge his contribution to the development of work with drug using prisoners in the UK and within European criminal justice systems.



Paolo Pertica

In addition to ENDIPP, the International Harm Reduction Association previously acted as the custodian of the award and now this responsibility resides with Knowledge Action Change.

The aim of the award is to recognise innovation and outstanding contributions to public health interventions within the criminal justice context, in relation to drug and alcohol users, which can be shown to have a positive impact for both individual offenders and the community in general.

The award is open to individuals and organisations throughout the world engaged in work directly with offenders (including advocacy) policy development work, training, or research. The context for the activity might be related to community settings (including work with police, courts and probation services) or within prisons and other places of incarceration.

Paolo Pertica Lecture - Ross Coomber

The lecture will take place on Friday, 22nd March, at 16:00

Ross Coomber is currently Professor of Criminology and Sociology at the University of Liverpool. Prior to this he was Professor and Director of the Griffith Criminology Institute, Griffith University, in Brisbane and Gold Coast Australia, and before that, Professor of Sociology, and Director of the Drug and Alcohol Research Unit at the University of Plymouth. He has more than 30 years research experience in the drug and alcohol field and has published extensively and broadly in this area - particularly on the nature risk as it applies to drug use and illicit drug markets, nationally and internationally, and across different cultural and environmental spaces. His research is strongly inter/multidisciplinary and boasts ongoing collaborations with forensic chemists/scientists, medics, public health practitioners and researchers, as well as, perhaps more predictably, disciplines across the humanities and social sciences.

In 2013 he undertook a rapid ethnographic and cross-cultural observational tour of six Asian countries/cities (China/Shanghai; India/Mumbai; Indonesia/Jakarta; Japan/Tokyo; Malaysia/Kuala Lumpur; South Korea/Seoul) looking at the nature and meaning of public spitting in those locales.



Ross Coomber

He is currently an Adjunct Professor of the Griffith Criminology Institute, Griffith University, Australia as well as at the School of Justice, Queensland University of Technology, Brisbane, Australia.

Programme - Friday, 22nd March 2019 (morning)

09:30 - 11:00	Opening & Plenary 1: Public health and the public purse LECTURE THEATRE Chair: Gavin Ryan (<i>Australia</i>) Short welcome from Raphaela Kane (<i>UK</i> , <i>Interim Dean of the Faculty of Education, Health and Community</i>) ■ Jim McVeigh (<i>United Kingdom</i>) Public Health - heroes, villains and others ■ Anita Maestri-Banks & Denise Parker (<i>United Kingdom</i>) A historical perspective on Mental Health and Learning Disability: reflecting back to be able to look forward ■ Constantin Rimis (<i>Moldova</i>) How do we engage political and economic support for urban health and well-being at a local level? A case study from Moldova		
11:00 - 11:30	Tea and coffee		
11:30 - 13:00	Parallel 1: Addressing negative consequences of 'our favourite drug' LECTURE THEATRE	Parallel 2: Community Initiatives - effective, low cost solutions to complex problems WOLFSON ROOM	Parallel 3: Art and Health SEMINAR ROOM
	Chair: Paddy Costall (<i>United Kingdom</i>) ■ Dave MacKintosh (<i>United Kingdom</i>) Making it a 'Right Christmas' - London and its Christmas safer drinking campaign ■ Simon Moore (<i>United Kingdom</i>) Hospital as a last resort - dealing with drunkenness safely in community settings ■ Rebecca Bates (<i>United Kingdom</i>) 'Drink Less, Enjoy More' - evaluating a model to address problematic drinking in the night time economy ■ Charlotte Bigland (<i>United Kingdom</i>) 'Students like a drink' - dealing with excessive night time drinking in Liverpool	Chair: Marina Braga (<i>Ukraine</i>) ■ Catherine Lewis (<i>United Kingdom</i>) 'Saving Lives: Reducing the Pressure' - an initiative to detect high blood pressure in Cheshire and Merseyside through community screening ■ Xenia Koumi (<i>United Kingdom</i>) 'Peace of mind in the City' - the Dragon Cafe, a sanctuary to support mental well-being in the City of London ■ Lisa Jones (<i>United Kingdom</i>) 'Exploiting synergies' - lessons learnt from Fire and Rescue Service 'safe and well' checks in Merseyside and Cheshire ■ Issy Bray (<i>United Kingdom</i>) Is 20 plenty? A public health evaluation of the 20mph speed limit policy in Bristol, UK	Chair: Amanda Atkinson (<i>United Kingdom</i>) ■ Sara Ronzi (<i>United Kingdom</i>) How can respect and social inclusion in older people be promoted in the urban context? Engaging older people living in Liverpool using visual participatory methods 'Photovoice' ■ Mel Bowen (<i>United Kingdom</i>) Creative Recovery: 'The Spider Project' ■ Elaine McNeill & John Byrne (<i>United Kingdom</i>) Using arts to support inclusion in urban health services ■ Emma Murray (<i>United Kingdom</i>) Resolution? Exploring the potential of 'criminological activism' through socially engaged art

Posters

1	Exploring the health impacts of urban growth in Nepal: The role of migration and remittance. <i>Basnet, Surendra</i> Liverpool John Moores University, United Kingdom
2	Alcohol use by nightlife patrons in the UK and Brazil: a comparative study <i>Guedes De Agostini Sossio, Mariana</i> Liverpool John Moores University, United Kingdom
3	Road traffic injuries in Nepal: a study of causes, patterns and control measures <i>Katuwal, Khadga</i> Liverpool John Moores University, United Kingdom
4	Implementation of the same-day treatment protocol for better health outcomes for people living with HIV in Moscow region <i>Lunchenkov, Nikolay; Orlova-Morozova, Elena; Drobyshevskaya, Elena; Pronin, Alexander</i> Moscow regional center for HIV care and prevention

Programme - Friday, 22nd March 2019 (afternoon)

Lunch and poster session		13:00 - 14:00
Parallel 4: Managing the environment to improve health and well-being in communities		14:00 - 15:30
LECTURE THEATRE		
Chair: Zia Chaudhry (<i>United Kingdom</i>)		
■ Anna Dylag (<i>Poland</i>) Renewable energy - making the case and engaging the community ■ Carlo Fabian (<i>Switzerland</i>) Contact with nature in childhood - effects on environmental attitudes and behavior ■ Nora Morocza (<i>United Kingdom</i>) Promoting community use and appreciation of Dandenong Creek Parklands - results of collaborative research ■ Patricia Leandro (<i>Germany</i>) Environmental and urban risk factors for poverty increments in the USA: the case of Detroit		
Parallel 5: A multi-disciplinary approach to community health		14:00 - 15:30
WOLFSON ROOM		
Chair: Anke van Dam (<i>Netherlands</i>)		
■ Marcel Buster (<i>Netherlands</i>) Learning from experiences. the heroin epidemic, harm reduction and cooperation between health services and law enforcement in Amsterdam ■ Mark Whitfield & Alan McGee (<i>United Kingdom</i>) A multi-agency approach to addressing drug related deaths ■ Nikhil Misra (<i>United Kingdom</i>) The Trauma Prevention Foundation – a model of collaborative working ■ Walter Kamp (<i>Netherlands</i>) Good practice example: an integrated social support and care approach in Amsterdam		
Tea and coffee		15:30 - 16:00
Closing Session		16:00 - 16:45
LECTURE THEATRE		
Chair: Katarzyna Kinga Kowalczyk (<i>Poland</i>)		
Presentation of 2019 Paolo Pertica Award made by Paolo Pertica ■ Paolo Pertica (<i>United Kingdom</i>): Errare Humanum Est, Perseverare Autem Diabolicum ■ Ross Coomber (<i>United Kingdom</i>): What you ‘see’ is not what you get: problematising the perceived nature of the drug dealer and policy responses Handover to City Health International 2019 - Melbourne, Australia		
Networking reception		17:00 - 19:00

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Long-term Opioid Addiction Among Older People in the UK & USA <i>McRiley, Mark</i> Liverpool John Moores University, United Kingdom	5
Reforming the public health system in Moldova: strategies for a modern approach to health promotion <i>Prytherch, Helen (1); Rimis, Constantin (2); Dnestreanu, Tatiana (2); Serbulenco, Aliona (3); Silistrari, Natalia (3); Curteanu, Ala (2); Secula, Florence (1)</i> 1: Swiss Tropical and Medical Institute, Switzerland; 2: SDC's Healthy Life Project, Republic of Moldova; 3: Ministry of Health, Labour and Social Protection, Republic of Moldova	6
Small steps, big gains - what can be done with limited resources? Developing resilient communities <i>Ubido, Janet; Jones, Lisa</i> Liverpool John Moores University, United Kingdom	7
TBC <i>Porku, Federica</i>	8

Speakers Biographies

Amanda Atkinson (United Kingdom)

Dr Amanda Marie Atkinson is a Senior Researcher within the Public Health Institute. Since joining the Institute in 2006, she has worked on a range of research projects, predominantly relating to young people, drinking cultures, alcohol and substance use. Her general research interests relate to consumption and identity, media representations, and gender relations. She has a particular interest in media representations of drug and alcohol use, media influence and the gendered nature of substance use. Recent research projects Amanda has led include an ARUK funded project exploring the role of Social Network Sites in young people's drinking cultures and gendered identities, and the 2011/2014 European School Survey on Alcohol and other Drugs.

Rebecca Bates (United Kingdom)

Rebecca has a BSc (Hons) in Psychology with Criminology and is currently a research assistant within the Violence, Alcohol and Nightlife team, Public Health Institute. It is through her current position within the institute that she has gained an increasing interest in violence related research, particularly in sexual violence, alcohol research and adverse childhood experiences. Rebecca has experience working on several research projects including; studies investigating the sale of alcohol to customers who are drunk in the night-time economy, Drink Less Feel Good, which aims to tackle high alcohol consumption and encourage people to drink less alcohol and a WHO project (Violence Information) which addresses five major violence types.

Mel Bowen (United Kingdom)

Mel is the founder and Chief Executive at Spider Project on Wirral. He has 30 years of experience working with hard to reach groups. He has been an avid supporter of utilising the power of creativity for all and he is passionate about developing the use of creative arts and culture within community settings. He advocates upon the value of grassroots community being the community's biggest asset. Mel is a singer songwriter who performs, writes and records regularly around the region. Much of his work experiences have inspired his song writing and equally, his song craft and creative expression has driven his belief in the power of creativity to improve health, wealth and wellbeing for all.

Issy Bray (United Kingdom)

Issy Bray is a Senior Lecturer in Public Health at the University of the West of England. She leads a module on Quantitative Health Research on the MSc Public Health. Her research experience includes working on randomised controlled trials, cohort studies, case-control studies and cross-sectional surveys, with a particular interest in response rates. Much of this research has been in the field of mental health, from international comparisons of 'happiness' and 'life satisfaction' to suicide rates amongst military veterans. Current research interests focus on the relationship between physical and mental health, childhood obesity & body dissatisfaction and predictors in childhood of eating disorders and risky behaviours in adolescence.

Marcel Buster (Netherlands)

Marcel Buster (PhD) works at the health service of Amsterdam. He is involved in epidemiological research into public mental health care and forensic medicine, mainly focusing on drug users, homelessness and other vulnerable groups.

John Byrne (United Kingdom)

John Byrne is a Reader in The Uses of Art at Liverpool John Moores University's School of Art and Design. Byrne is also the Director of 'The Uses of Art Lab' which forms part of Liverpool School of Art and Design's ART LABS Research Centre. Byrne is also currently LJMU/LSAD Co-ordinator for "The Uses of Art- the legacy of 1848 and 1989" (2013 – 2018) EU Funded Project: GA2013-1183.

Ross Coomber (United Kingdom)

Ross Coomber is a Professor of Criminology and Sociology at the University of Liverpool. Prior to this he was i.a. Professor and Director of the Griffith Criminology Institute, Griffith University, in Brisbane and Gold Coast Australia. He has more than 30 years research experience in the drug and alcohol field and has published extensively and broadly in this area - particularly on the nature risk as it applies to drug use and illicit drug markets, nationally and internationally, and across different environmental spaces. His research is strongly inter/multidisciplinary and boasts collaborations with forensic chemists, medics, public health practitioners and researchers, as well as disciplines across the humanities and social sciences.

Anna Dylag (Poland)

I am a doctor of economic sciences in the discipline of management sciences, and my PhD thesis concerns the involvement of residents in energy management processes in municipalities. I am also an expert of the European Commission for renewable energy in the Horizon 2020 program. I work, among others with municipal authorities, entrepreneurs and hundreds of people whom I advise on the implementation of projects in the field of renewable energy and energy management. I actively support the development of renewable and civic energy through participation in numerous conferences, movements or organizations working for climate protection (Climate Kic), civic energy (More than Energy) or civil society (Inspro).

Carlo Fabian (Switzerland)

Carlo Fabian is a Professor, Senior Researcher and Project Leader at the University of Applied Sciences and Arts Northwestern Switzerland (FHNW), Institute for Social Planning, Organisational Change and Urban Development. He has a degree in Health & Social Psychology, is a Specialist Psychologist in Health Psychology and has a Master of Advanced studies in Coaching Studies. After several years as researcher and lecturer at the University of Zurich, the Swiss Institute for Health and Addiction Research and the FHNW, he worked at RADIX, where he developed many projects in municipalities with a focus on participation. Since 2011 he has led projects at the FHNW addressing the subject of urban development, participatory planning and well-being.

Walter Kamp (Netherlands)

Current position: policy employee/program manager for the City of Amsterdam, working for the Alderman, in the field of: mental health issues, substance abuse, and public mental health. Until recently his main professional interest was homelessness, the prevention of homelessness, the organization and financing of homeless services. Also the drawing up and execution of long term policy plans in cooperation with local and national stakeholders. Walter is a history teacher and he studied Law. He has been working for the City of Amsterdam for twenty years. Before that he worked for mental health and homecare organizations and as a teacher.

Xenia Koumi (United Kingdom)

Xenia Koumi leads the Business Healthy programme within the City of London Corporation's Public Health team, working with employers in the Square Mile to support them in improving their employees' health and wellbeing across a wide range of aspects. Business Healthy has been instrumental in running the Square Mile's first mental health campaign – "Release the Pressure" and supports other local health initiatives, including the City Mental Health Alliance and the Lord Mayor's Appeal's "This Is Me" campaign.

Patricia Leandro (Germany)

Architect, Urban Planner and Master in Environmental Health. With large professional experience Spain, Brazil, the USA and Germany, she is committed to bringing back together architecture, urban planning and public health.

Cath Lewis (United Kingdom)

Cath is a researcher at the Public Health Institute at Liverpool John Moores University. She has a background in nursing, and now works on a wide variety of projects for Champs Public Health Collaborative and Cheshire and Merseyside (C&M) Directors of Public Health. Recent projects have included looking at gambling across the Liverpool City Region, an evaluation of C&M Fire and Rescue Service 'Safe and Well' initiative, and, most recently, a qualitative evaluation of the 'Saving Lives: Reducing the pressure' initiative, which aims to detect high blood pressure in C&M through community screening.

Dave MacKintosh (United Kingdom)

Head of Community Safety for the City of London, and has also been the Policy Adviser/Director to the London Drug and Alcohol Policy Forum (LDAPF) since 2001. He has been involved in a number of innovative campaigns around issues including drug driving, substance misuse in the workplace and improving awareness around drug safety in clubs and pubs. The LDAPF is funded by the City of London as part of its commitment to improving the life of all those who live and work in London. For the last eight years he has also been seconded to the Greater London Authority to provide advice around substance use issues and health inequalities.

Speakers Biographies

Anita Maestri-Banks (United Kingdom)

I am a Senior Lecturer for Pre and Post Registration Nursing, Programme Leader for the Return to Practice Nursing Course and the Learning Disability Subject Lead in the School of Nursing and Allied Health at UMU. My main interests are therapeutic communication and the value of self and enabling others, organisational psychology in nursing, and learning disability in adult, mental health and child nursing. I am a Registered Adult Nurse and have had clinical experience in palliative care, drug and alcohol misuse and have worked with children and adults with chronic illnesses and a learning disability. As a registered Nurse Teacher, I have worked in several HEIs and have an academic background in education, psychology and sociology.

Alan McGee (United Kingdom)

Alan McGee: In the mid-1980s Alan worked with the team that pioneered one of the first needle and syringe programmes in England and helped to develop harm reduction initiatives across Merseyside. Alan has held a number of posts within health and social care drug and alcohol services and between 2003 and 2009, was Trainer and Project Consultant with HIT where he delivered a number of training courses and projects including safer and hygienic injecting and overdose prevention. Alan is currently Public Health Lead for Substance Use and Sexual Health with Sefton Council Public Health Team and with Mark Whitfield developed the a local confidential enquiry panel for drug related deaths.

Elaine McNeill (United Kingdom)

Elaine McNeill is a PhD student and Student Development Coordinator in the School of Art and Design. Her doctoral research investigates the use of art in participatory action health research as a medium to increase meaningful collaboration and effective dissemination of findings to influence policy change. She takes a multidisciplinary approach that encompasses the fields of health, art, theatre, comedy, narrative analysis and action research theories. Elaine is a founding member of MARTHA (Merseyside Arts and Health Assembly) a network for all those interested in creativity, arts and how it can impact on our health and well-being.

Jim McVeigh (United Kingdom)

Jim McVeigh was appointed as the Director of Public Health Institute in November 2015. Jim has worked within health/public health for nearly 30 years, with an academic career starting in the University of Liverpool before moving to Liverpool John Moores University as a Research Assistant in 1999. He has gained significant management skills and leadership experience, while developing extensive links with external organisations and stakeholders at local, national and international level. Jim has an international reputation within his academic specialism of human enhancement drug use and has co-authored more than 100 research reports and 50 peer reviewed papers.

Nikhil Misra (United Kingdom)

Nikhil Misra is a Consultant General and Trauma in the Major Trauma Centre at Aintree University Hospital, Liverpool. His specialist interest lies in the field of trauma and acute care surgery. He sits on the council for the National Forum of Acute Surgery, a member of the education committee of the Association of Surgeons of Great Britain and Ireland, and is a member of the Faculty of Education of the Royal College of Surgeons. He is co-Director of the Trauma Prevention Foundation, and an honorary Adjunct Professor in the Public Health Institute, Liverpool John Moores University, in the field of trauma prevention.

Simon Moore (United Kingdom)

Simon Moore was publicly appointed by the Welsh Minister for Health as an advisor to the Welsh Government on matters relating to alcohol misuse and substance abuse. Chaired the advisory panel (APOSIM) on minimum unit pricing and led the authorship of the report to the Welsh Government. Contributed to reports on tramadol dependency and substance misuse in the elderly. Contributed to the Welsh Government's Public Health White paper (2014). I advise the Welsh Government and third sector agencies on the treatment and management of those suffering from alcohol-related brain damage, and contributed to the recent Alcohol Concern report on this topic.

Nora Morocza (United Kingdom)

Nora Morocza is a PhD student at Liverpool John Moores University working on an interdisciplinary research that explores the motivations and perceived benefits of hillwalking. Her principal interest is the role of nature and green spaces in the connection between health and environmental sustainability. She has recently worked on a collaboration with the Health, Nature and Sustainability Research Group at Deakin University, and Living Links. The project explored the facilitators and barriers of park use in South-East Melbourne and aimed to identify pathways to promote the use of urban green spaces within the Dandenong catchment area.

Emma Murray (United Kingdom)

Emma was appointed as a lecturer in Criminal Justice in the School of Law in December 2013. Her research is committed to studies of the military veteran in policy discourse, criminal justice practice, and socially engaged and participatory art practice. Emma approaches the issues faced by veterans through the concept she has developed 'Veteranality' which is dedicated to the voices and lived experiences of military veterans. Through multi-disciplinary forms of engagement her work seeks to bring together academics, the arts, policy makers and advocates with veteran communities. Testament to this is her leading role in the Reimagining the Veteran Project at the University.

Denis Parker (United Kingdom)

I am a Senior Lecturer in Mental Health at Liverpool John Moores University. I teach on the Pre-Registration BSc Mental Health Nursing Course, and run two Dementia Care CPDs at Level 6 and Level 7. I am the Disability Co-Ordinator in the School of Nursing and Allied Health. Since qualifying in 1986 as a mental health nurse, I have thoroughly enjoyed my career. It has given me experience in working in a wide variety of mental health settings. This includes working with older people and from 2012-2015 I worked on the European 'Innovate Dementia' project. I have also worked in acute psychiatry in-patient and community settings where I spent many years as a community mental health nurse, culminating in being deputy manager of a CMHT.

Constantin Rimis (Moldova)

A public health professional by background, Constantin Rimis (MD, PhD, MPH) is the Health Promotion expert in the "Healthy Life project" to reduce the burden of non-communicable diseases in Moldova", which is implemented by the Swiss Tropical and Public Health Institute (Swiss TPH) and financed by Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC). He worked as an Associate professor at the School of Public Health Management. Was involved in World Health Organization consultancy missions to implement WHO recommendations on infection control in Azerbaijan, Tajikistan, Bosnia and Herzegovina and the Republic of Moldova.

Sara Ronzi (United Kingdom)

In October 2018, I joined the NIHR Global Health Research Group CLEAN-Air(Africa) as the participatory research and public engagement lead. Prior to joining the CLEAN-Air programme, I have worked as a Lecturer for the Master of Public Health based at the University of Liverpool. I am passionate about public health and reducing health inequalities. My main research interests include participatory research and visual methods; public engagement; interventions to reduce exposure to household air pollution (HAP) from solid fuel use e.g. strategies to advance clean cooking fuels (such as bottled gas/LPG) in low-middle income countries (LMICS); social inclusion; ageing; and age-friendly environments.

Gavin Ryan (Australia)

Gavin Ryan, Executive Officer of Progressive Public Health Alliance. Growing up in regional Australia, Gavin has worked in leadership roles in not-for-profit, private enterprise and Government both in Australia and overseas, working in the Federal Labor Government and for Ministers in both the Bracks and Brumby Governments in his home state of Victoria. In late 2018, Gavin joined with health professionals, researchers and public health advocates in forming the Progressive Public Health Alliance, an alliance that works to advocate and campaign across Australia and the Asia-Pacific region for universal publicly funded healthcare, and evidence based best practice in harm reduction and the treatment and prevention of non-communicable diseases.

Mark Whitfield (United Kingdom)

Mark Whitfield: Mark Whitfield is the Intelligence and Surveillance Manager at the Public Health Institute. He leads the PHI Intelligence and Surveillance team who manage the collection of data from a variety of sources throughout the north-west of England, covering areas such as needle exchange provision, A&E presentations and the delivery of brief interventions by low threshold services. Mark has also lead PHI's work around drug related deaths, chairing panels for seven areas across Cheshire and Merseyside. Mark has a background in the field of drugs and alcohol having worked for 12 years originally within the scope of addictions services within a local mental health NHS Trust.

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