



**Scottish  
Ambulance  
Service**

University National NHS Board



# **Scottish Ambulance Service Drug Harm Reduction**

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# SAS DHR Origins

- Local NFOD and THN trials
- DDTF funding 2021
- THN and harm reduction
- National NFOD pathway standardisation
- Increased proactive referrals
- Work to challenge stigma
- Integration with key stakeholders



# Key Partners

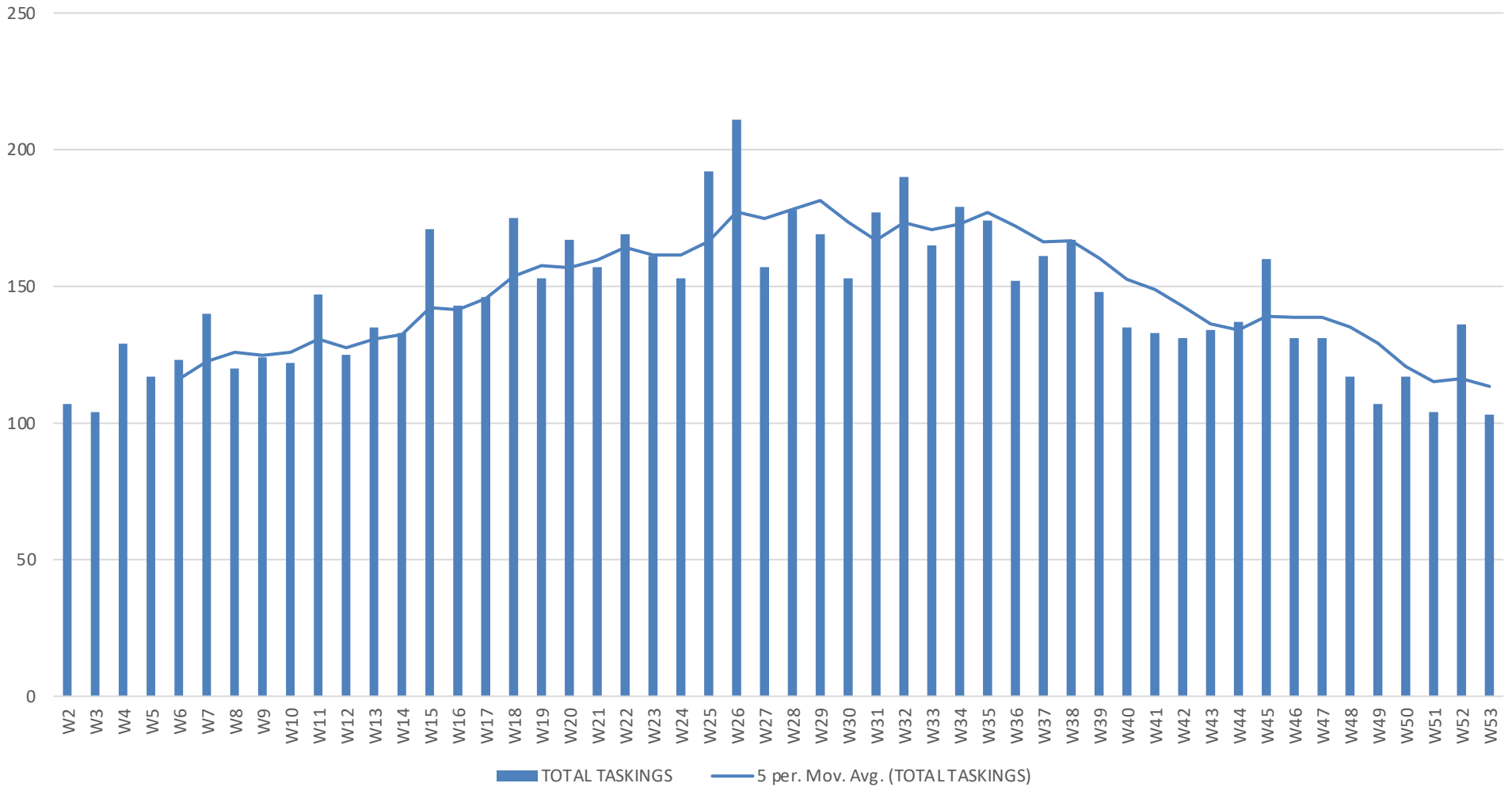
- Territorial Health Boards
- Local ADPs
- Commissioned Drug Services
- Third Sector
- Police Scotland
- Public Health Scotland
- Local Education



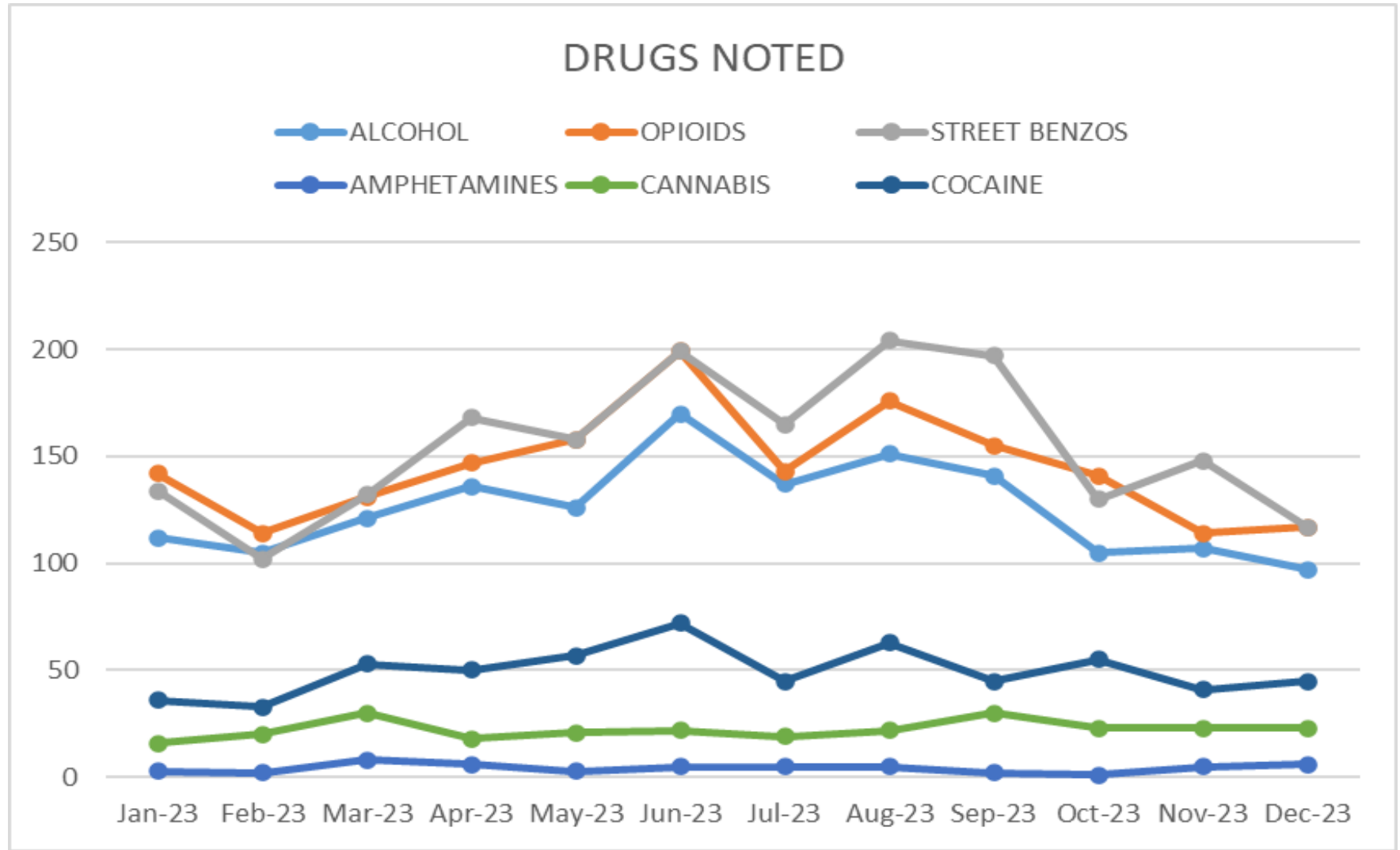


# Drug Trends - NFOD

TOTAL TASKINGS

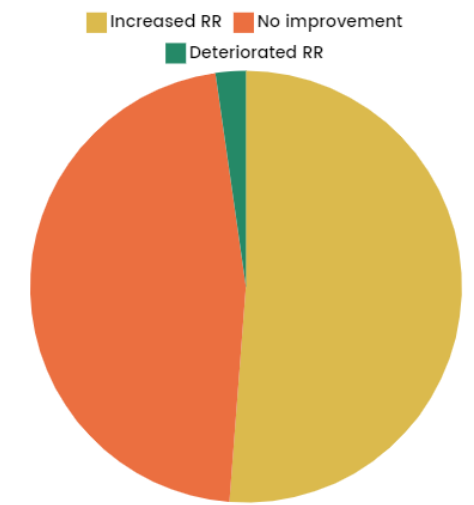
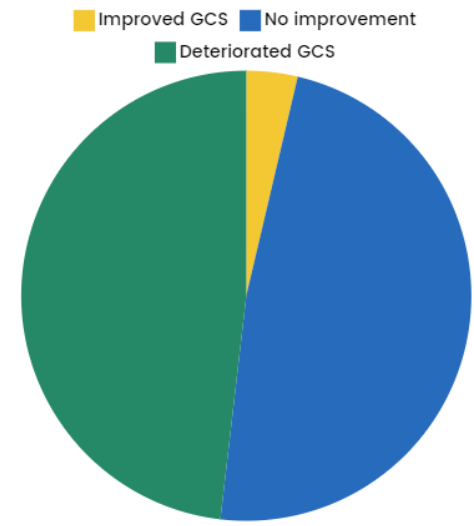
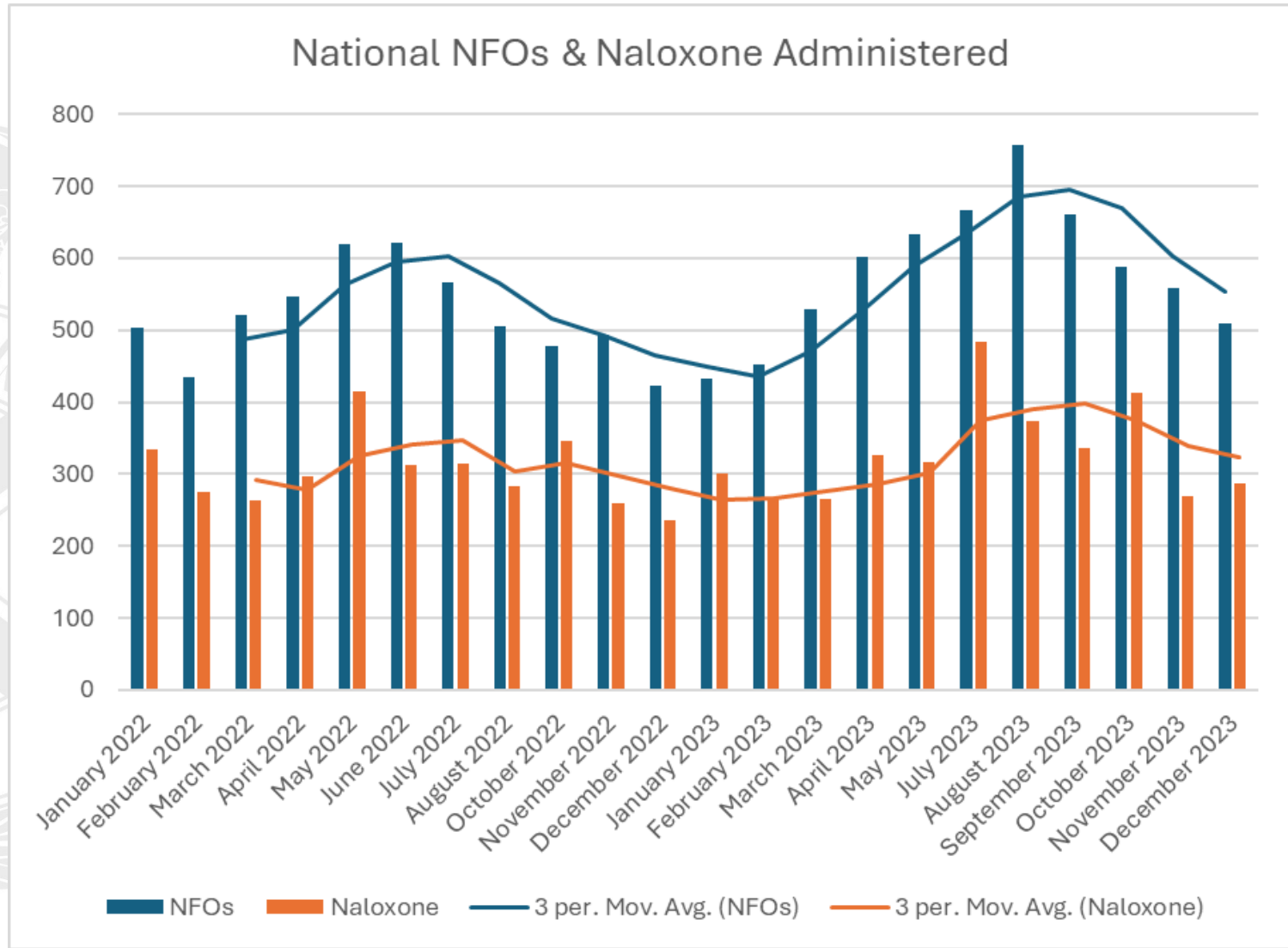


# Drug Trends – Other Substances





# Drug Trends - Naloxone





# Drug Trends – Moving Forward

TerraPACE

HOME
PT INFO & CONSENT
ACVPU
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A
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MEDICAL

- ACS
- ALLERGIC/ANAPHYLAXIS
- ASTHMA
- CONVULSIONS
- COPD
- ALCOHOL, DRUGS, POISONS

REVIEW
CLOSE RECORD

NALOXONE USE PRIOR TO CREW

**NAL Given By:**  
Police

**Route:**  
Intranasal (Nyxoid)

**Dosage:**  
3600mcg

DATA SHARING

**Health Board Partners Data Sharing Consent:**

Patient information may be automatically shared with drug/alcohol services so that they can contact the patient to offer the provisions of further support. Further information on services offered can be found on SAS Drug and Alcohol Referral poster.

Does your patient consent to the sharing of this data?

Objects to data sharing

No objection to data sharing

Unable to Object (e.g. unconscious)

Inappropriate (e.g. to reverse morphine)





# Dublin Mass Overdose Incident

⚠ **HSE Drug Warning** ⚠

## EXTREME RISK

Nitazene-type opioids found in powder form being sold as heroin following recent cases of serious overdose in Dublin.

**Ongoing concern**  
Nitazenes are strong synthetic opioids that can cause serious overdoses, hospitalisation and drug related deaths.

**Appearance**  
Nitazene can be found in pills or powder. Current overdoses linked to powder. Powders may vary in colour.

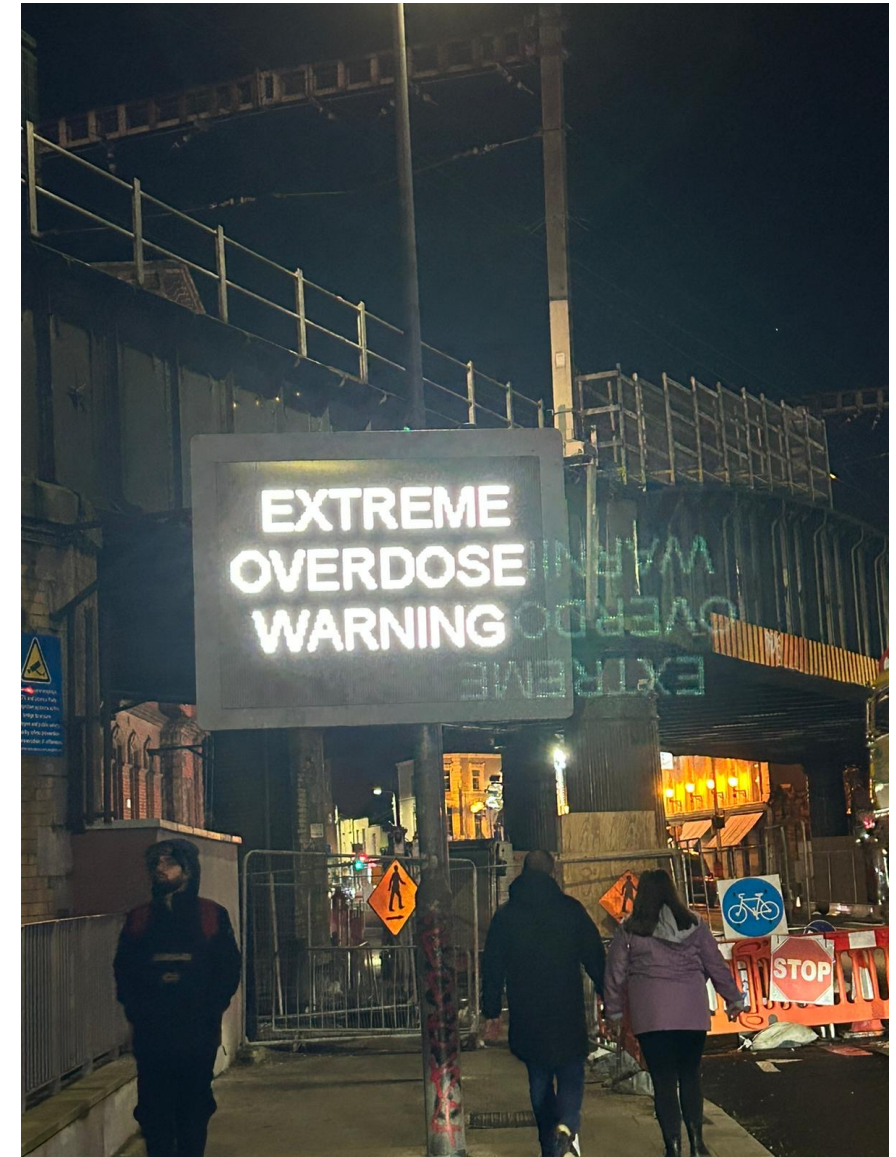
**Recommendation**  
Treat all substances with caution. You can't be sure of what's in it or its strength. Mind yourself and care for others. Don't be afraid to get medical help if you or a friend feels unwell after using drugs.

We ask you to be extra cautious at the moment and always carry naloxone.

**Do not buy:**

- new types of drugs
- new batches, or
- from new sources

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# Drug Early Warning System (DrEW)



SAS Ambulance Control Centre



SAS Drug Harm Reduction



RADAR



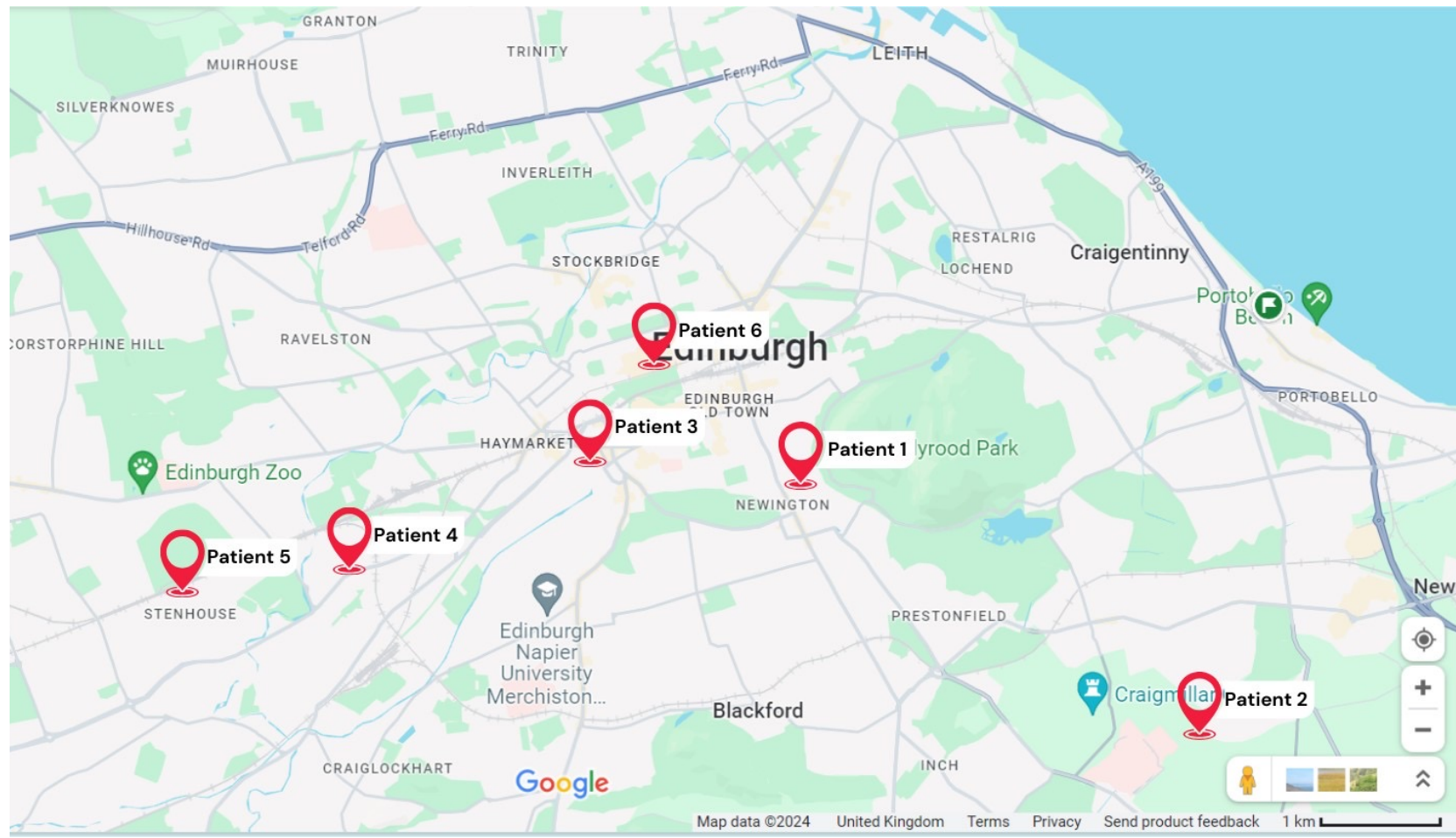
Local Key Contacts



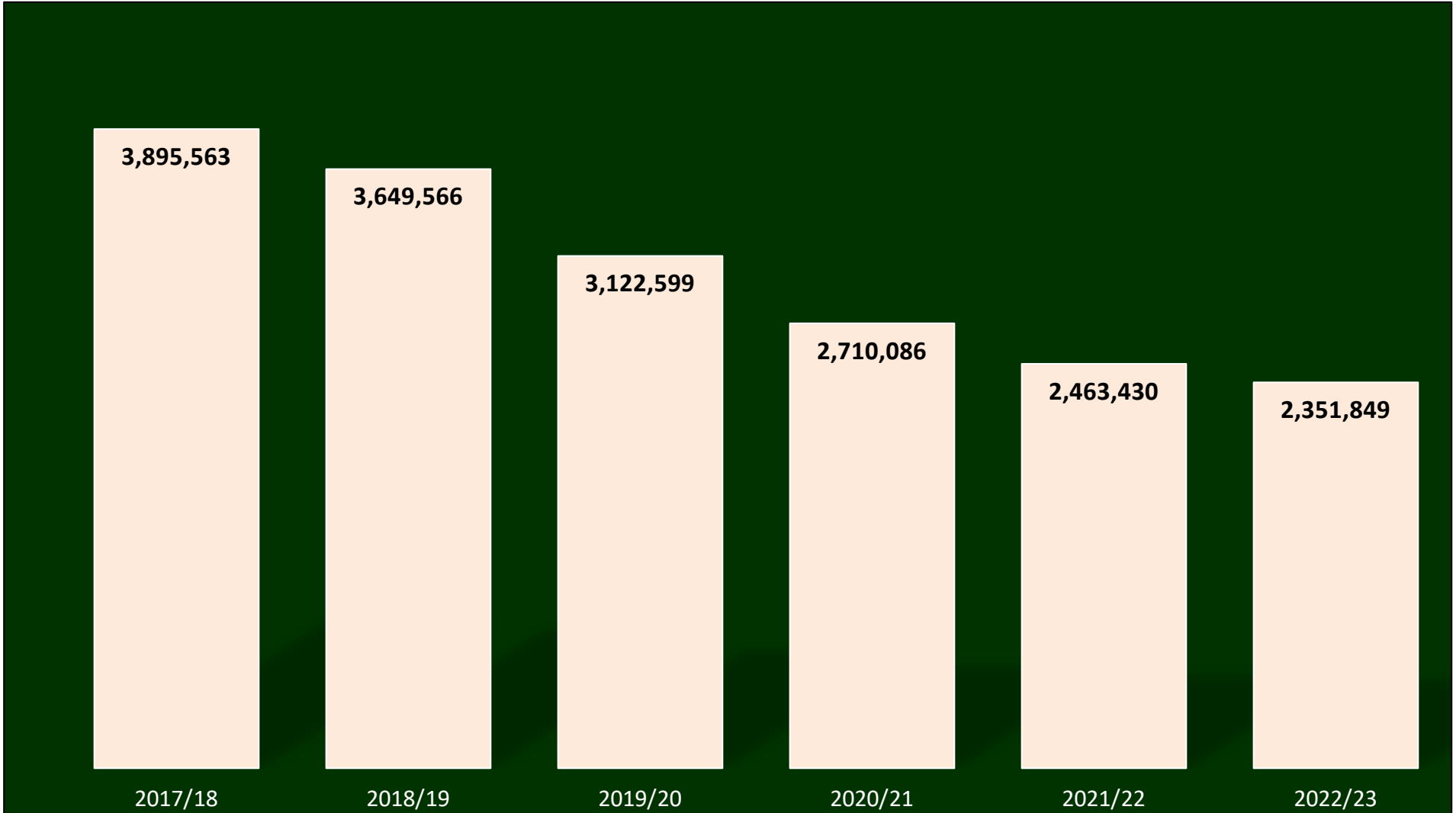


# DREW in Action

## Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2024



# Injecting Equipment Provision





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# TRUST Campaign



## What to do:

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### Take it seriously

If something doesn't seem right or someone starts to feel unwell, don't ignore it. Act quickly.

# R

### Ring 999

Give as much information as you can about your location (use What3Words app) and the symptoms that you can see - look at their breathing, temperature etc.

# U

### Use any first aid skills

The 999 call-handler can talk you through anything you need to do while keeping yourself safe.

# S

### Stay with them

Always stay with someone who is unwell or distressed.

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### Tell us anything they might have taken

Be as honest as possible if someone has been drinking alcohol or taking other drugs. Let us know what, how much and when. **Trust our teams - we're here to help.**





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NHS SCOTLAND

Out with pals and something doesn't seem right?

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# Thank you

## Are there any questions?



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