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Service Information

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The Glasgow Drug Checking Service is located at the **Health and Care Centre, 55 Hunter Street, Glasgow, G4 0UP** and aims to identify the substances you may be taking, to provide harm reduction information to you and the wider community.

Opening hours

The service is open 5 days (Monday to Friday) a week from 9.30am to 5.00pm, with the last samples for testing accepted at 4.00pm. This gives staff enough time to undertake the tests and provide you with the results.

Who can use the service

When you use this service, we will ask you some questions about the sample. We will ask you to confirm that you are over the age of 18 years, and that you use one or more illicit substances on a regular basis. Unfortunately, we cannot accept drugs for testing if you are unable to do this.
Once samples have been tested, you will have to return to the service to receive your results in person.

What we can test

We can accept the following items for testing:

- powders
- tablets or capsules
- papers
- liquids

If in doubt, please ask before handing in a sample for testing.
We cannot return any drug once it has been handed in for testing.

Confidentiality

This is a confidential, nonjudgmental service.

If you wish to use the service, please follow the steps below.

Step 1

We only need a trace amount of a drug (the size of a grain of rice) to carry out the test. Samples may be wrapped prior to accessing the service. For example, in tinfoil or clingfilm.

Step 2

The Drug Checking Service is accessed by the main reception area at Hunter Street. This is located through the door on the right-hand side at the bottom of the ramp.

Tell reception staff that you wish to access the Drug Checking Service. You will be asked to wait in reception until a member of the Drug Checking Service is available.

Step 3

A member of staff will ask some basic details about you and the drug being handed in. Your sample will be placed into a security bag, and your results will be available shortly after.

Step 4

When you return, staff will give you the results of the test and provide you with harm reduction information. Your sample will also be sent for further testing. These results will be available at a later date.

Staff will be happy to offer and discuss other services available.