

SAFER DRUG CONSUMPTION FACILITY

GLASGOW CITY IJB PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE

22 May 2024

Glasgow SDCF – Progress Update

- Building works in progress and working at pace
- People with lived experience supporting the design, furnishings and décor to ensure environment is trauma informed
- Recruitment ongoing, aim for all posts to be filled by July 24
- Aiming for late Summer 24 opening
- Currently developing drug checking service with Scottish Government
- Community, business and citywide engagement ongoing





Glasgow SDCF – Staffing Model

Multi disciplinary team:

- Admin Staff
 - Harm Reduction Workers (peer support)
 - Clinical Nurse Specialists
 - Nursing staff
 - Health Care Support Workers
 - Social Workers
 - Clinical Psychology
 - Medical Clinical Lead
 - Primary Care Sessions
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- Robust induction, training and development plan being developed for all staff
 - Significant handover period for staff to facilitate reflective practice, training and case discussions

Feb-May Engagement Activity

STAKEHOLDER GROUP	AUDIENCE/GROUP/FORMAT	DATE	COMMENTS
LOCAL COMMUNITY	DROP IN SESSIONS	21/03/24, 26/03/24, 22/04/24, 25/04/24, 15/05/24	Sessions in afternoons and evenings, Calton and Bridgeton. Further three sessions planned in May and June
LOCAL COMMUNITY	THENUE RETIREMENT HOUSING COMMITTEE	25/04/24	Arranged following Thenue housing officers attending a drop in session
LOCAL COMMUNITY	AREA PARTNERSHIP – CALTON	17/04/24	
LOCAL COMMUNITY	AREA PARTNERSHIP – ANDERSTON/CITY./YORKHILL	09/05/24	
LOCAL BUSINESS	PRAM CENTRE	09/02/24	

Feb-May Engagement Activity

STAKEHOLDER GROUP	FORMAT	DATE	COMMENTS
LOCAL BUSINESS	TRON THEATRE	18/03/24	
LOCAL BUSINESS	MORRISONS	14/05/24	Keen to be involved in evaluation, and engage with awareness sessions to staff.
HOUSING PROVIDERS	ONLINE SESSION TO UPDATE RSLs ON PROGRESS	26/03/24	
PARTNER ORGANISATIONS	POLICE SCTOTLAND SITE VISIT	27/02/24	Advice on security, lighting and CCTV.
PARTNER ORGANISATIONS	POLICE SCOTLAND – LONDON ROAD		Local and national colleagues to discuss progress and potential legal issues
PARTNER ORGANISATIONS	WALLACE OF CAMPSIE RESIDENTIAL SERVICE	11/03/24	

Feb-May Engagement Activity

STAKEHOLDER GROUP	FORMAT	DATE	COMMENTS
PARTNER ORGANISATIONS	MARIE TRUST	27/03/24	Keen to be involved in the evaluation
PARTNER ORGANISATIONS	ROUTES OUT	28/03/24	Keen to engage once service opens, recognising specific needs of women
PARTNER ORGANISATIONS	LODGING HOUSE MISSION	28/03/24	
LIVED EXPERIENCE	WOMENS REFERENCE GROUP – SITE VISITS	22/02/24, 14/03/24	Reviewing design and furnishings
LIVING EXPERIENCE	CITY CENTRE ENGAGEMENT GROUP – PEOPLE WHO USE DRUGS		

Themes

- **Policing/Legal**

- Exclusion zone queries
- Will require an increase in police presence
- Police will need to remain at a distance

- **Impact on Area**

- Increase in drug use/drug dealing
- No drug issues in the area
- High drug use in the area
- Unhappy that facility is being situated in Calton/East End
- Understand reasons for location - hopeful that the service will address public injecting and associated needle litter

Themes

- **Service Model**

- Encouraged by aftercare area and involvement of wider services
- Families and people with lived/living experience supportive of model
- Addresses stigma
- Additional supports required for homeless people
- Specific consideration required to encourage women to use the service
- Concerns that people who do not inject drugs cannot access the facility
- People will not have access to a safer environment after 9pm
- People may not use the aftercare area

YOU SAID	WE DID
You are concerned about increased drug dealing and violence in the local area when the service opens	We are working closely with Police Scotland to establish a community forum where concerns can be raised and resolved as quickly as possible once the service is operational
You are worried about increased anti-social behaviour in the local area	We are working with the evaluation team to ensure that any changes in anti-social behaviour will be measured and reported
The local community needs somewhere to raise concerns and get a response	We will create a local engagement forum that will continue throughout implementation and delivery of the pilot

YOU SAID

Local residents need to know about the engagement sessions and get a chance to discuss their concerns with service leads

A safer community would be a key measure of success

It would be helpful if we could contact the service if we see someone injecting drugs in the vicinity/premises

WE DID

We scheduled engagement sessions at a variety of timeslots across community venues and promoted the sessions on posters, social media and sent out 18,000 flyers to local postcodes

We have ensured this is included in the evaluation

We are realigning the ADRS city centre outreach team to the facility, and working with partners to develop an outreach response

YOU SAID

Some service users of the SDCF may be homeless, will there be facilities to support them

People with lived experience should be involved in recruitment of staff

Many people will want to go for a smoke after injecting, it's important they can do that and still come back in to receive aftercare services

WE DID

We have added a shower room and clothing store to the service

All posts being recruited have/will include people with lived experience. Leadership posts include a LE panel and 3rd sector rep on panel. Other posts will include a LE rep on the panel

We added a secure smoking area for service users to access from and return to the aftercare area

FAQ Documents

HSCP bespoke SDCF webpage- glasgowcity.hscp.scot/sdcf



Glasgow City's Safer Drug Consumption Facility

Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership is planning to establish a Safer Drug Consumption Facility (SDCF) in Glasgow City Centre.

Frequently Asked Questions

What is a Safer Drug Consumption Facility (SDCF)?

Safer drug consumption facilities (SDCFs) are supervised and controlled healthcare settings where people can consume drugs, obtained elsewhere, in the presence of trained health professionals, in clean and hygienic environments reducing the risk of overdose and infectious diseases whilst offering support and access to healthcare services.

They offer a compassionate, person-centred service which focuses on reducing the harms associated with injecting drug use and helps people access appropriate services to meet their needs. By doing so, they are able to reach an extremely vulnerable group who often do not engage with our existing services.

Safer Drug Consumption Facilities are also known as Supervised Drug Consumption Rooms / Facilities (SDCR or SDCF), Safe / Supervised Injection Facilities (SIF), Safer Consumption Rooms (SCR), Overdose Prevention Sites (OPS), Drug Consumption Rooms (DCR) and Medically Supervised Injecting Rooms (MISR).

Why are these services being proposed for Glasgow?

Following an outbreak of HIV in people who inject drugs in public places, a health needs assessment 'Taking Away the Chaos' was undertaken in Glasgow city centre. This found there are approximately 400 to 500 people injecting drugs in public places in Glasgow city centre on a regular basis. Injecting in public spaces increases the risk of infection and other drug related harms, and also causes a risk to the public from discarded injecting equipment and needles.

The report made a number of recommendations, including the introduction of a SDCF which a large body of high-quality research suggests will help reduce the health and social consequences of public injecting in the city centre. These potential benefits are described in more detail below (See 'What are the expected benefits of these services?')

Glasgow city centre is the focus of the proposal since local evidence tells us that this area has a high concentration of people who inject drugs in public places, especially in the south-eastern area. Locating the facility in the area where public injecting is already taking place will maximise uptake by the target population.

Safer Drug Consumption Facility

Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP) is working with NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde (NHSGGC) and other partners to develop a pilot Safer Drug Consumption Facility (SDCF). This will be the first Safer Drug Consumption Facility in Scotland and the United Kingdom.

SDCFs are supervised healthcare settings where people can inject drugs, obtained elsewhere in the presence of trained health professionals in clean, hygienic environments. The service aims to reduce the negative impact that injecting outdoors has on local residents, communities and businesses, reduce the harms associated with injecting drugs on individuals and support people to access help to improve their lives.

The SDCF is due to open in 2024 and will be the first of its kind in the UK.



Stories from service users, families and professionals



Service user information



Families information



Local communities information



Background information



Engagement information



Frequently asked questions

THANK YOU

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