



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 for Staff

What are the service hours and location?

The service will operate 7 days per week, 365 days per year. It will operate from 9am to 9pm, so staff will work shift patterns from 830am – 430pm and 130pm – 930pm (pro rata for part time staff). This will include working weekends and public holidays. Staff will spend their day in different parts of the service, which is based in Hunter Street Health and Care Centre, 55 Hunter Street, Glasgow G4 0UP, alongside a number of other services.

As part of the evaluation we will be monitoring the opening hours and whether these are meeting the needs of the population.

What training will I receive to work in the facility?

A robust training and induction plan will be put in place prior to the service opening and we will have a comprehensive training plan that will be ongoing. There will be specific training around the legal framework, medical emergencies, harm reduction, wound care, IT systems as well as mandatory training and a package of training that is based around individual personal development plans. There will also be regular supervision and reflective practice sessions supported by the service clinical psychologist.

What roles are being recruited?

We have a wide range of roles being recruited to. We have Administration staff, Health Care Support Workers, Harm Reduction workers, Social workers, Senior Addiction Nurses, Addiction Nurses, Clinical Nurse Specialists, psychology, general practice staff and medical clinical lead. There will also be an Operational Manager, Nurse Team Leader and Social Work Team Leader to support the service.

How will the MDT work together?

We will have a significant cross over in shifts which will allow wider team meetings, including MDT reviews, reflective practice sessions, internal development and educational sessions. The team will also work closely with other partners in the service, including Complex Needs Service, Enhanced Drug Treatment Service and Crisis Outreach Service, among others.

Who are the other partners we are working with?

We will have close working relationships with services already mentioned, as well as Sexual Health Services and Blood Borne Virus Services, third sector partners who will provide wraparound supports in aftercare, housing and other statutory partners, locality ADRS teams and recovery partners.

What will we be doing for people using the service?

We will be providing a compassionate and safe environment for people to attend where they can use drugs in a clean environment with staff on hand to respond to any overdoses or other health and social care concerns. We will be providing a harm reduction service based on people's immediate needs, as they identify themselves. We will be responsive and caring, and help people to gain trust and build positive relationships, within the service and out with. If people wish to access care and treatment we will support them to do so.

Staff will also support the research and evaluation being undertaken at the SDCF.

Is it legal for me to work in the service?

Staff working in the SDCF will need to strictly adhere to the service operating procedures, policies and rules to ensure they practice safely and legally in the facility. These will be well covered in induction and training. We have done significant work with the legal colleagues in both NHS GG&C and Glasgow City Council as well as linking with Scottish Government and the Lord Advocate to ensure staff are able to undertake their roles without risking prosecution. We are also briefing the relevant professional registration bodies to ensure they understand the staff roles and legal framework.