

Glasgow Drug Crisis Centre

Glasgow Drug Crisis Centre provides residential respite care and street level advice and support to people with substance misuse issues in the city of Glasgow.

Based in Tradeston, five minutes walk from the River Clyde, GDCC offers a range of services 24 hours a day.

GDCC does not undertake long-term counselling or advocacy work, but instead provides assessment, advice, needle exchange and a 12 bed emergency short stay facility for people no longer coping in the community.

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Making **Substance Misuse**

Services Fit People



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Aims of the Glasgow Drug Crisis Centre

Glasgow Drug Crisis Centre (GDCC) offers a safe, confidential service which will support and encourage people to find ways of making their substance misuse less problematic and to achieve a better quality of life. Supporting people in their own recovery journeys, everyone who attends GDCC can have an initial assessment of their circumstances completed and holistic care plan drawn up. Individuals can obtain advice about community based organisations who can provide longer term support and care management throughout their own personal recovery journey.



Services Available

One Stop Service

- 24 hour advice, information and support on substance misuse and related issues.
- 24 hour primary assessments
- Glasgow's Physical Health Team provides specialist abscess and ulcer clinic
- Acupuncture

Naloxone Programme

- Educating people about overdose
- Training people in basic first aid skills
- Training people to administer naloxone which reduces risk of fatality in the event of overdose

Needle Exchange

The needle exchange is available 24 hours a day. Used injecting equipment can be brought in to be disposed of safely and exchanged for new equipment. Those attending the needle exchange for the first time will also be given an initial brief assessment.

It is expected that those who use the service may want to access other services offered by GDCC or be put in touch with appropriate agencies in the area.

Performance and Image Enhancing Drug Clinic

In response to the growing number of steroid users, GDCC initiated a steroid clinic in partnership with Glasgow Addiction Services (GAS). The clinic is held on a Tuesday from 6pm – 10pm and currently offers support and advice for people using body and image enhancing products. Staff are also trained to give advice in this area through our 24 hour needle exchange service.

Residential Unit

This service is aimed at people who;

- Are no longer coping in the community
- Require greater input that can be afforded by community based day services
- Have significant health problems
- Have seen a marked change in the level and pattern of their substance misuse
- Are at risk as a result of their chaotic drug use



The residential unit has space for 12 residents who are experiencing crisis in their lives resulting from substance misuse issues. The length of stay is dependent on each individual's needs but is usually two to three weeks. People who use the residential unit are provided with:

- A fully personalised care plan
- Access to 24 hour nursing care podiatry and medication
- Multi-agency reviews and contact with services
- A fully structured and flexible group work programme
- Naloxone training and supply
- Access to alternative therapies such as acupuncture and yoga
- Sexual health advice and treatment
- Leisure equipment such as pool table, table tennis and badminton equipment and use of gym hall

There are no waiting lists or appointment times at the GDCC and admission to the residential unit is made on the basis of priority and need.

The GDCC also provides an outpatient methadone clinic for those who have left the residential unit.