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 individual needs and assistance formulating an action plan. A harm reduction approach is adopted for all substances including heroin, benzodiazepines, new psychoactive substances (‘legal highs’), stimulants, cannabis and performance and image enhancing drugs.
Needle Exchange
The needle exchange is available 24 hours a day. We aim to reduce the transmission of Blood Borne Viruses by providing safer injecting and sexual health advice. Free condoms are available. Those attending the needle exchange for the first time will also be given an initial brief assessment.

Those who use the service may wish 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 partnership with Glasgow Addiction Services (GAS), a clinic is held on a Tuesday from 6pm – 10pm and offers support and advice for people using body and image enhancing products. Blood testing is available.

Services Available

One Stop Service

- 24 hour advice, information and support on substance misuse and related issues
- Initial assessment of needs available 24 hours per day
- Harm reduction and safer injecting advice

Naloxone Programme

- Discussing risks of overdose
- 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
People who use the residential unit are provided with:

- A response to meet immediate emotional and practical needs
- An opportunity to regain stability
- Access to 24 hour nursing care and medication
- A fully personalised support plan
- A fully structured and flexible group work programme
- Overdose awareness and Naloxone training and supply
- Access to alternative therapies that include acupuncture and yoga
- Program of social activities
- Dry blood spot testing

Extended Substitute Prescribing Clinic

Daily support alongside collection of substitute drugs, for short periods of time, for those who require intensive monitoring and support. The GDCC also provides an outpatient methadone clinic for those who have left the residential unit.

Residential unit

The 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 generally 21 days. People can self-refer and access to assessment is through our One Stop service.
Our range of support includes:

Care at home
Residential care
Housing support
Crisis intervention
Community rehab
Social enterprise

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