

ADVISORY COUNCIL ON MISUSE OF DRUGS

(99th Meeting)

7 October 2024 2.30 pm MS Teams & in Person

PART A

In attendance –

██████████	Chief Probation Officer, and Chair
██████████	Chief Pharmacist
██████████	Public Health
██████████	Acting Official Analyst
██████████	Head of Customs, and Immigration.
██████████	Legal Adviser
██████████	Consultant Psychiatrist HSS
██████████	Hospital Consultant
██████████	Detective Chief Inspector
██████████	Deputy Governor
██████████	A & D Acting Service Lead
██████████	Legal Advisor
██████████	Business Support Officer

Note: The minutes of this meeting comprise of Part A and Part B

Declaration of interests.

A1. No further declarations were made.

Minutes.

A2. The minutes of the meeting held on 14 June 2024 were accepted.

Apologies.

A3. Apologies were received from all members not present. Which were:

- ██████████ Attorney General
- ██████████ Director Public Health
- ██████████ pharmacist.

PART B

Matters Arising

The letter written to the Minister by the chair on decriminalization was discussed in the States debate.

The Council discussed the high-profile incident in a cannabis update – it was mentioned by ██████████ that the Minister wants a further update. It was mentioned that there is public guidance going out in the next few weeks.

It was mentioned by the chair that [redacted] is looking at managing controlled drugs. Chair is waiting on update. [redacted] to be chased. **ACTION.**
Chair to write to [redacted]

B1. Reclassification of Cannabinol derivatives

[redacted]
[redacted] Chair planned to write to the Minister after discussion with the Council.

The council discussed the complex issues round the reclassification:



Due to the concerns raised the Council decided to take this away for reflection and to report back to subsequent meeting. Outside the meeting, [redacted] agreed to convene a group of [redacted] [redacted]. [redacted] will advise on legal matters as necessary. If other Council members wish to join this group please contact [redacted]

B2. Early Warning System

[redacted] shared presentation slides around the early warning system which is aimed at:

- Putting out accurate and effective info to help prevent overdoses, hospitalisations and deaths
- Support, access, issue appropriate and consistency needs to be put to public by health
- Social media awareness, youth service access for young people
- Email box to collate info for things found in the lab or on the streets. Decision matrix and templates.
- Info network to be made more streamlined. After email received it will be categorised by how dangerous it is with colour codes. This will then trigger out if a warning needs

to go out or if it is just an investigation. Also, if it is in Jersey.

- Pre-paid alert templates to explain alert type, drug, info, suggested actions.

The council discussed and agreed to show quantity EWS updates at future ACMD meetings.

B3.Nitazene risk

shared presentation slides with the council on the history of Nitazenes and the threat they pose to the island. It was discussed that the island would need to prepare ahead of time. It was highlighted that Nitazenes were so potent that it takes 11 doses of naloxone to bring someone around. Issues discussed surrounding the following:

- Most likely to find out it's in the island through overdoses/deaths. Significant concern discussed
- Due to its strength not much of it is needed to cause an overdose (stronger than fentanyl) [REDACTED]
- Naloxone is not easily accessible in Jersey. Issue that it may take several ambulances to have enough doses to revive one individual.
- Possible need to change the law to be able to give to wider groups of people Naloxone in emergency situations.
- Training to be provided to use the nasal Naloxone rather than injections as easier to carry and administer. For police, customs and health on a two-year pilot
- Need to look at Naloxone stocks on island and think of possibility of any world-wide shortage/funding issues
- [REDACTED]

The chair plans to write to the minister again regarding nitazene dangers and naloxone funding. **ACTION**

and rest of council to look into laws around exemptions for emergency administration of naloxone.

Chair also agreed with council to not wait till next meeting to sort this. Agreed to meet outside this meeting and get these actions in motion before Christmas

.ACTION. to set up working party with [REDACTED]. If any other member wishes to join the working party please contact [REDACTED]

B4. Controlled Drugs Update

The chair to catch up with [REDACTED] regarding this.

B5. AOB

Cannabis policy to update next time.

Date of next meeting.

Meetings discussed for 2025. The council agreed to have five hybrid meetings for the year. The first one is scheduled for late January, but an exact date is TBC

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