

# Advisory Council on the Misuse of Drugs

## Agenda

14.30 20<sup>th</sup> March 2025

### Probation Service Lempriere Street

#### 1. Apologies and introductions

##### Apologies

[redacted] Customs and Immigration  
[redacted] HM Attorney General  
[redacted] Hospital Consultant  
[redacted] Alcohol and Drug Service  
[redacted] SOJP  
[redacted] Public Health

##### Present

[redacted] Chair, Chief Probation Officer  
[redacted] Chief Pharmacist  
[redacted] Pharmacist  
[redacted] Customs and Immigration  
[redacted] Official Analyst  
[redacted] Public Health Policy  
[redacted] States vet  
[redacted] Alcohol and Drug Service  
[redacted] Law Officers' Department  
[redacted] Probation Administrator

#### 2. Declaration of Conflicts

- None declared

#### 3. Minutes of last meeting

- Read by [redacted]
- [redacted] has written to [redacted] re management of controlled drugs – no response as yet
- Nitazenes – [redacted] wrote to Minister, who wrote back to ask what he needed to do. [redacted] responded regarding possible requirements for more Naloxone

#### 4. Matters Arising

No further matters arising

## 5. Reclassification of cannabis derivatives – [REDACTED]

Presentation by [REDACTED]

- Cannibinoil and Cannibinoil derivatives – misuse of drugs law is related to UN conventions. Defines Cannabis as plant material or resin. Jersey is Class A & UK Class B. No definition for cannabis oil in Jersey. CBD oil & Gummies are defined as Class A in Jersey. Inequalities in the laws.

Recommendations



The Council accepted the recommendations.

The Council agreed to note the following:

- The impact of cannabis on developing brains of those under 25s remains a significant concern.
- Rescheduling substances (without any other systemic changes) should not be seen as a means to accelerate or achieve decriminalisation.
- Understanding how best to control and respond to cannabis-based food products which fall outside current CBD exemptions.
- Rescheduling drug classifications does not normally justify changing past convictions or criminal records (e.g. from Class A to Class B charges).
- Whether possession for personal use and social supply should be recognised formally in law as distinct from possession of commercial quantities and commercial supply.
- Rescheduling or other wider cannabis policy changes could have an impact on local drug markets, organised crime activity, or diversion of prescribed medicinal cannabis.
- Other areas of the Misuse of Drugs Law (Jersey) 1978 may be misaligned with updated schedules within the United Nations drug Conventions.

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[redacted]  
[redacted]

[redacted] – work to be undertaken realigning with UN convention. What further controls have been put in place.

- [redacted] to write to the Minister with two main recommendations.

## 6. Administration of Naloxone

[redacted] introduced this work on behalf of the subcommittee who discussed this.

Nasal and injectable available. Nasal is preferred.

Prescription only (with emergency exemptions) Law only relates to injectable form.

Too many barriers in place. Not easily accessible to those at risk.

## Outcomes

- Improved access to naloxone within community settings, networks of people who use drugs, and amongst different groups deemed at-risk
- Increased survival rates from any opioid related overdose
- Reduction in potential harms requiring ambulance call-outs, emergency department admissions, and deaths should synthetic opioid prevalence increase

[redacted] Council should make recommendations to medicines advisory council in terms of making changes to legislation. [redacted] chaired last meeting.

- [redacted] to action – Liaise with [redacted] [redacted] and talk about recommendations.

## 7. Chair and Secretariat for Council

[redacted] wishing to step down from Chair after 4.5 years.

[redacted] to enquire if Customs can take on the Secretariat role.

8. Any other business

[redacted] presented a paper on Control of Cannabinoids

[redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted] to provide the necessary paperwork,

9. Date of next meeting

[redacted] will arrange a June meeting.

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