ADVISORY COUNCIL ON MISUSE OF DRUGS

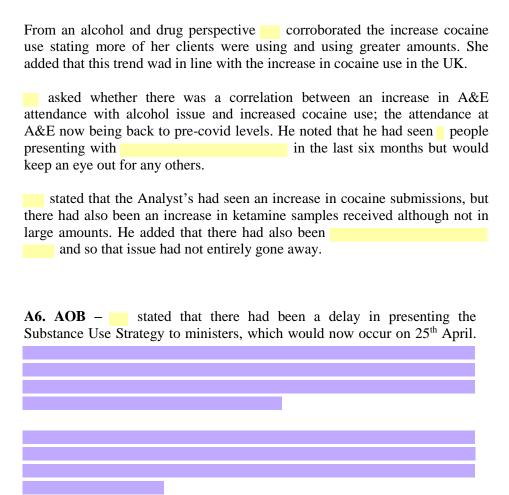
(93rd Meeting)

Thursday 23rd March 2023 2.30pm MS Teams

$\underline{\mathsf{PART}\,A}$

	In attendance –				
	, Chief Probation Officer, and Chairperson , Acting Chief Pharmacist , Senior Public Health Policy Officer , Official Analyst , Director of Customs and Immigration. , Consultant in Emergency Medicine , Legal Adviser. , Pharmacist. , States of Jersey Police. , Consultant Psychiatrist HSS Alcohol & Drug Service. , Clerk				
	ites of this meeting comprise of Part A and Part B				
Declaration of interes	ts. A1. reminded the Council of his involvement with the Weekend Welfare.				
Minutes.	A2 . The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 12 ^{sth} December 2022 were not received but would be presented at the next meeting.				
Apologies.	A3 . Apologies were received from the Attorney General.				
A4. Update: Medicinal Cannabis.					
	and were putting together a subcommittee which would be having their first meeting on 28 th April. informed the Council of the following areas which they were going to address: production, clinics, pharmacies and, overarching all of these, regulation.				

agreed stating that during the
previous government there was a scrutiny panel review in relation to the production of medicinal cannabis, and a number of recommendations were made in order to improve the licensing process, and while it was suitable in the startup phase it would seems that as the industry grows the process needs to grow with it, but the onus is on government to provide the funding.
rude emails from people wanting to attend the sub committee meetings, but managed to resolve this by saying that there would be stakeholder engagement down the line, and for the time bring they would be looking at systems across government including policy and procedures. He also received an email from whose son helped change the law in the UK when it was found cannabis ameliorated his epilepsy. She has been in contact with various ministers and is looking to make Jersey a centre of excellence for cannabis, and it seems likely that this will happen. finally addressed the issues of pharmacies and while the dispensing of cannabis products would be something that she had influence over her concern was for the clinics who were essentially private companies. There was also the issue of receiving a number of FOI request in relation to the import of cannabis product which was then interpreted as an upward trend in illegal cannabis use.
A5. Trends or observations -
thought it might be interest to compare data from other jurisdictions to see if the importer's business model had changed in a similar fashion. agreed to have a quick look to see if there was any data.



He added that work was being done on digital opportunities to encourage self-assessments and brief interventions and self-monitoring for alcohol and drug use which is part of the wider health care apps system that was being implemented to target people before they ended up at the alcohol and drug service and who were not engaging in any services.

informed the Council that the British and Irish Council had met for the first time this year on the drug and alcohol workstream, and he was looking to publish two papers through them: "drug related deaths" and "Covid 19 and its impact on Drug and alcohol services". These would be available when they are published by BIC.

A7. Date of next meeting. Thursday 15th June 2.30pm Teams.