



**Wigan**<sup>♥</sup>  
**Council**

## **REQUEST    19174**

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I would like to request the following information relating to chemsex or sexualised drug use within your local authority area. This is part of a research project being conducted at King's College London. I have pasted the questions below and also attached them for convenience. Please let me know if you have any questions about the information being requested or need any clarification.

Please see attached document for questions and responses

## **RESPONSE**

Please see completed document attached.

## 1. Policies and Strategies

- a. Does the local authority have any policies, strategies, or guidelines that specifically reference any of the following (please put an X for Yes or No for each):

| Reference   | Yes | No | b. If Yes, please provide 1. the title(s), 2. publication date(s) and 3. a copy of, or public link to the document |
|---|-----|----|--|
| Chemsex   |     | X  |  |
| Sexualised drug use   |     | X  |  |
| Gamma-hydroxybutyrate (GHB) / gamma-butyrolactone (GBL) use |     | X  |  |
| Crystal methamphetamine use                                 |     | X  |  |
| Mephedrone use  |     | X  |  |
| LGBTQ+ health issues  |     | X  |  |

## 2. Services and Support

- a. Does your local authority commission or fund any services that provide support specifically for any of the following (e.g. harm reduction, sexual health, mental health, or community support) (please put an X for Yes or No for each):

| Reference   | Yes | No | b. If Yes, please provide 1. the name(s) of the services(s), 2. provider organisation(s), 3. duration of the current contract(s), and 4. Whether the service is delivered as part of a wider contract (e.g. drug and alcohol treatment, sexual health services) |
|---|-----|----|---|
| Chemsex   |     | X  |   |
| Sexualised drug use   |     | X  |   |
| Gamma-hydroxybutyrate (GHB) / gamma-butyrolactone (GBL) use |     | X  |   |
| Crystal methamphetamine use                                 |     | X  |   |
| Mephedrone use  |     | X  |   |
| LGBTQ+ health issues  |     | x  |   |

- c. For those that you stated no to for question 2a above, are the following issues supported under existing services (e.g. general drug and alcohol services, sexual health clinics)? Please put an X for Yes or No, or mark Not Applicable if you said Yes for question 2a above).

| Reference   | Yes | No | N/A | d. If yes, please identify which services would typically manage such cases.   |
|---|-----|----|-----|--|
| Chemsex   | X   |    |     | <p>1. Intergrated Sexual Health Service 2. Locala 3. 1<sup>st</sup> April- 31<sup>st</sup> March 2031 4. Yes - Sexual Health Service</p> <p>1. Integrated Drug and Alcohol Service 2. We Are With You 3. 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023– 31<sup>st</sup> March 2028 4. Yes - Drug and Alcohol Treatment Service</p> <p>1. GM HIV Prevention and Support Services 2. PaSH Collaboration between BHA, George House Trust and LGBT foundation. 3. 30<sup>th</sup> June 2029 contract end 4. Yes HIV Prevention and Support Service. Commissioned on behalf of 10 GM local authorities by Manchester City Council</p> |
| Sexualised drug use   | X   |    |     | <p>1. Intergrated Sexual Health Service 2. Locala 3. 1<sup>st</sup> April- 31<sup>st</sup> March 2031 4. Yes - Sexual Health Service</p> <p>1. Integrated Drug and Alcohol Service 2. We Are With You 3. 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023– 31<sup>st</sup> March 2028 4. Yes - Drug and Alcohol Treatment Service</p> <p>1. GM HIV Prevention and Support Services 2. PaSH Collaboration between BHA, George House Trust and LGBT foundation. 3. 30<sup>th</sup> June 2029 contract end 4. Yes HIV Prevention and Support Service. Commissioned on behalf of 10 GM local authorities by Manchester City Council</p> |
| Gamma-hydroxybutyrate (GHB) / gamma-butyrolactone (GBL) use | X   |    |     | Integrated Drug and Alcohol Service 2. We Are With You 3. 1 <sup>st</sup> April – 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2028 4. Yes Drug and Alcohol Treatment  |
| Crystal methamphetamine use                                 | X   |    |     | 1. Integrated Drug and Alcohol Service 2. We Are With You 3. 1 <sup>st</sup> April – 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2028 4. Yes Drug and Alcohol Treatment   |
| Mephedrone use  | X   |    |     | 1. Integrated Drug and Alcohol Service 2. We Are With You 3. 1 <sup>st</sup> April – 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2028 4. Yes Drug and Alcohol Treatment   |
| LGBTQ+ health issues  | X   |    |     | 1. Intergrated Sexual Health Service 2. Locala 3. 1 <sup>st</sup> April- 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2031 4. Yes - Sexual Health Service  |

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|  |  |  |  | <p>1.Integrated Drug and Alcohol Service 2. We Are With You 3. 1st April 2023– 31st March 2028 4. Yes - Drug and Alcohol Treatment Service</p> <p>1. GM HIV Prevention and Support Services 2. PaSH Collaboration between BHA, George House Trust and LGBT foundation. 3.30th June 2029 contract end 4. Yes HIV Prevention and Support Service. Commissioned on behalf of 10 GM local authorities by Manchester City Council</p> |
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### 3. Pathways and Referral Processes

- a. Does the local authority or its commissioned services have a care pathway or referral protocol for any of the following (please put an X for Yes or No for each):

| Reference   | Yes | No | b. If Yes, please provide a copy of the pathway/ protocol or a brief description if a document is not available |
|---|-----|----|---|
| Chemsex   | X   |    | See below C.  |
| Sexualised drug use   | X   |    | See below C.  |
| Gamma-hydroxybutyrate (GHB) / gamma-butyrolactone (GBL) use | X   |    | See below C.  |
| Crystal methamphetamine use                                 | X   |    | See below C.  |
| Mephedrone use  | X   |    | See below C.  |
| LGBTQ+ health issues  | X   |    | See below C.  |

- c. Are there any joint working arrangements or data-sharing agreements between drug and alcohol services, sexual health services and mental health services specifically relating to chemsex or sexualised drug use? Please state:

**YES – With You, Locala and PaSH work in collaboration for those service users who require support from both drug and alcohol and sexual health services. There are currently no formal data sharing agreements in place.**

- d. If Yes to question 3c, please provide details or copies of relevant agreements (if not exempt).

**Not available.**

### 4. Data and Monitoring

- a. Does the local authority or its commissioned services collect data on service users presenting with chemsex or sexualised drug use issues? Please state Yes or No. **YES**  
**Note:** we recognise that there are no ICD-10 codes or nationally recognised format to record chemsex or sexualised drug use related issues therefore if this information is

collected within your local authority, it would be through a unique system that was set up locally.

b. If Yes to question 4a, please indicate

- Which service(s) collect this data; **With You, Locala and PaSH.**
- What indicators or categories are used (e.g. “chemsex,” “GHB use,” “sexualised drug use”); **Unknown – local data recording by provider**
- The total number of clients recorded under those indicators for each of the last three years (if available). **Unknown – local data recording by provider**

c. If No to question 4a, please confirm whether there are any plans to include it in future data collection systems or reporting frameworks. Please state Yes or No.

**YES – Chemsex has been identified as a system wide work stream that requires further collaboration from all partners. Data collection and reporting will form part of discussions and future planning.**

d. If Yes to question 4c, please provide any documents related to these plans or state any details about the future plans (e.g. when it will start, what data will be collected and from what services etc) Work stream for 26-27.

**No plans available at present.**

## **5. Additional Context**

a. Please provide any publicly available reports, needs assessments, or evaluations produced or commissioned by the local authority since 2020 that include information about chemsex or sexualised drug use, GHB/GBL, crystal methamphetamine, mephedrone use or LGBTQ+ needs.

**We currently do not have any publicly available reports produced by the local authority.**