National Assembly for Wales / Cynulliad Cenedlaethol Cymru <u>Health and Social Care Committee</u> / <u>Y Pwyllgor Iechyd a Gofal</u> <u>Cymdeithasol</u>

<u>Inquiry into alcohol and substance misuse</u> / <u>Ymchwiliad i</u> gamddefnyddio alcohol a sylweddau

Evidence from Nacro, the crime reduction charity - ASM(Q) 23 / Tystiolaeth gan Nacro, yr elusen gostwng troseddu - ASM(Q) 23

Inquiry into alcohol and substance misuse

Survey Consultation Response

Organisation/Respondent: Wendy Hayes, NACRO

Questionnaire

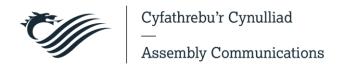
o1. Which client group(s) do you work with? (For example, under 18s, older persons, homeless, or female only)

Homeless, offenders/ex-offenders, people with substance misuse 16+

o2. What are the main reasons why your clients take drugs or drink excessively? Please tick all that apply.

If you work with more than one client group or you feel that there are other reasons as to why your clients take drugs or drink excessively, please comment in the box below.

- Peer pressure;
- A way to deal with stress;
- Client(s) already substance reliant;
- Mental Health;
- Boost confidence;
- Relieve social anxiety;
- Environmental factors (for example excessive drinking and/or drugs normalised in the home/community)
- Relationship problems;
- Self-medications;



■ Escapism.	
	ain groups of people who are more likely to be affected by drugs and king? If so, which groups might they be?
Not particularly.	
•	ular stage of your clients' lives influence their likelihood of taking drugs on sively? If so, what stage might that be? (i.e. age, relationship breakdown nt etc.)
There is nothing sp factors affecting t	pecific – all clients are individuals with individual needs and with different heir lives.
o5. What barriers	exist for your client(s) when trying to access support and services?
 Geographi 	cal area, waiting lists.
o6. What barriers ■ <i>Waiting lis</i>	exist for services when trying to access support for client(s)?
•	consider to be barriers for staff and frontline services in working with you), or substance misuse generally?
Trust issues.	
o8. Where do you substance mis	think efforts should be targeted to address the issue of alcohol and suse in Wales?
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Easier access to treatment	facilities i.e.	rehab and	detox, i	more facilities	in dispersed	l areas,
awareness in schools and y	youth clubs.					

og. In which local authority area do you work? If you work outside of Wales, please write your local authority area below.

Flintshire

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