

DRUGS

NEW APPROACHES IN THE UK

KEY



Overdose Prevention Centre (OPC)



Drug Offence Diversion Scheme



Diamorphine Assisted Treatment (DAT)



Drug Checking

GLASGOW



DAT clinic opened in 2019, funded by NHS. + Unauthorised mobile OPC run by Peter Krykant in 2020, supervised 1000+ injections, reversed nine potentially fatal overdoses.

SCOTLAND



A range of pre- and post-arrest diversion schemes, with more being developed to roll out.

WEST MIDLANDS



'Divert' scheme uses a community resolution on the street, referral using a phone app to a drug service assessment (despite being voluntary 86% attend) followed by tailored support.

DURHAM



'Checkpoint': Prosecution for minor drug offences dropped if three month programme addressing root causes of problems is completed. Also has a pre-arrest diversion scheme. + City centre drug checking pilot in 2018.

MIDDLESBROUGH



DAT clinic ran from 2019-22 with funding from Police and Crime Commissioner, probation services, prisons, specialist GP treatment services and Home Office 'ADDER' project money.

WALES



Two diversion schemes similar to Durham's 'Checkpoint'. + WEDINOS postal drug checking service identifies constituents of submitted drug samples, but not strength.

FESTIVALS



Pioneered by charity The Loop at Secret Garden Party in 2016. Multiple festivals now offer drug checking.

BRISTOL



Following a successful 2018 pilot, the city is due to open the UK's first regular drug checking service, led by charity The Loop, with a Home Office licence. All drugs can be tested anonymously.

THAMES VALLEY



Multiple diversion programmes for possession of any drug, including pre-arrest community resolution and deferred summons models, and a school diversion scheme.

AVON & SOMERSET



Since 2016, pre-arrest street diversion for possession of any drug. Summons to court deferred if a 'Drug Education Programme' is attended (like a speed awareness course).