TECHNICAL APPENDIX

Appendix 1: Mini European Web Survey on Drugs: Covid-19

Mini-European Web Survey on Drugs (EWSD): Impact of COVID-19 on patterns of drug use, harms and drug services in the European Union

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Mini-European Web Survey on Drugs (EWSD): COVID-19

Impact of COVID-19 on patterns of drug use, harms and drug services in the European Union

INTRODUCTION AND CONSENT

Since the outbreak of COVID-19 across Europe and subsequent national responses to contain and mitigate the epidemic (self-isolation, quarantine, confinement, lockdowns), information has emerged about unprecedented challenges for services providing care to people who use drugs in the community and in prisons. Anecdotal information also indicates that there may have be changes in drug use patterns and in how people are obtaining their drugs. Understanding and sharing information on the consequences of COVID-19 and national response measures on harms deriving from the lack of access to care and how services have adapted as a response may help services improve their responses.

In order to investigate and rapidly document the current impact of the COVID-19 epidemics and national responses in the EU Member States on changes in patterns of drug use, harms and service provision, the EMCDDA is carrying out a study using an adapted version of the trendspotter methodology across EU Member States, of which this survey forms a part. The Mini European Web Survey on Drugs: COVID-19 is part of this snapshot and is being conducted across Europe. The aim is to gather information about how patterns of drug use may have changed in Europe due to COVID-19.

Your time is enormously appreciated. Please be assured that the information you give us is entirely confidential and will be kept safely. The questionnaire is also anonymous - although there are a few broad questions about your general situation to help us understand how different groups of people who use drugs have been affected by the COVID-19 restrictions and how services have responded in different parts of Europe. This will help the sharing of good practice and improved preparedness in the future.

Informed Consent

Purpose:

The main purpose of this study is to better understand the impact of COVID-19 on patterns of drug use in EU countries. For a comprehensive picture we need information from people who use drugs.

Participants:

You can participate in this survey if you are aged 18 or over.

Benefits

The information gathered from this study will be used to input into future European response to COVID-19.

Risks:

Participants will be asked to provide information about their use of substances. However, the survey is completely anonymous, no information that could identify you will be collected, and the data are confidential.

Participant Rights:

Participation in this project is completely voluntary. If at any time you wish to discontinue the activity, you may do so.

By participating in this study, I indicate that I accept the aforementioned terms and that I understand the following:

- (1) My participation is voluntary and I may discontinue participation at any time without consequence.
- (2) I will remain anonymous and any and all information I provide will be used for study purposes only and will not be traceable to me.
- The answers that you provide about your drug use are important to this study's success.
 Some questions are personal or concern behavior which may be against some social rules or the law. We hope that you will answer all the questions and answer them truthfully. Remember that your answers are ANONYMOUS.

A note on privacy

This survey is anonymous. The record of your survey responses does not contain any identifying information about you. No IP addresses will be stored. No tokens are used. The information will remain with the EMCDDA. No individual results of this survey will be published, but only aggregated data.

By clicking on the "agree to participate" button, I indicate my agreement to take part in this study.

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DRUG USE

In the past 30 days, how often did you use the following substances?

	Never	Less than once a week, but at least once a month	Once a week	Not daily but more than once a week	Almost daily	Daily
Cannabis (weed/resin)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ecstasy/MDMA	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cocaine/crack-cocaine	0	0	0	0	0	0
Amphetamines	0	0	0	0	0	0
Heroin	0	0	0	0	0	0
LSD	0	Ð	0	0	0	0
Synthetic cannabinoids	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other synthetic stimulants (e.g. cathinones)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other opioids without medical prescription (e.g. methadone, buprenorphine, fentanyl or others)	0	0	0	6	0	ð

In the past 12 months, how often did you use the following substances?

	Never	Once or twice	Less than once a month	Less than once a week, but at least once a month	Once a week	Not daily but more than once a week	Almost daily	Daily
Cannabis (weed /resin)	0	0	0	Ó	ð	0	0	0
Ecstasy/MDMA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cocaine/crack- cocaine	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Amphetamines	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Heroin	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
LSD	0	0	0	0	Ð	0	0	0
Synthetic cannabinoids	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other synthetic stimulants (e.g. cathinones)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other opioids without medical prescription (e.g. methadone, buprenorphine, fentanyl or others)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Have	you changed your use of CANNABIS as a result of COVID-19 restrictions, as compared to before
	No change
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	Started using since COVID-19 restrictions
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	Used more frequently with COVID-19 restrictions
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	Started using since COVID-19 restrictions
	Used less frequently with COVID-19 restrictions
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[77]	Other
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[27]	Don't know
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Vhy h	as your illicit drug use decreased as a result of COVID-19 restrictions (mark all that apply)?
	Loss of income/less money to buy drugs
-	Reduced availability of drugs to buy
	Reduced ability to collect drugs (e.g., can't leave home)
1000	Fewer opportunities to use drugs (e.g., closure of clubs/bars, restrictions on gatherings)
	Living arrangements make it difficult to use drugs
[77]	Worried about effects on my health
[7]	Saving my money due to future financial uncertainty
100	Other
177	Don't know
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ACCESS TO SERVICES

Where did you obtain your syringes before and after the COVID-19 restrictions (mark all that apply)?

	In the past 12 months	After COVID-19 restrictions
Pharmacy	n	
Drop-in center		Е
Outreach-workers/van	В	E
Vending machine	В	<u>m</u>
Drug consumption room	П	
Received clean syringe for free from a friend or partner	В	D
From a dealer	В	E
Found used syringe on the street	В	E
Shared used syringe with a friend or partner	E	

Has your access to clean injection material changed as a result of COVID-19 restrictions, as compared to before COVID-19 restrictions were in place?

 Less accessible than usu 	al
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Same as usual

More accessible than usual

Don't know

Have you had enough injection material to always use a clean syringe after the COVID-19 restrictions (i.e. after nationwide stay-at-home measures)?

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Thank you very much for taking the time to fill out this survey. Stay safe!

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Survey of Drug and Alcohol Service Providers on the Impact of the Covid-19 Pandemic

Fields marked with * are mandatory.

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Please note: We are asking that the project leader/ service coordinator (or the equivalent in your service) completes this survey on behalf of the service as a whole. We will be accepting one response only from each service.

Please read the Participant Information Sheet before continuing.

Participant Information Sheet.pdf

I confirm I have read and understood the Participant Information Sheet and consent to take part in the survey and to the processing of the data I provide.

INTRODUCTION

Drug and alcohol services have had to quickly after the way they operate due to national guidelines. As part of a Rapid Assessment of the Impact of Covid-19 on drug trends and services in Ireland, we want to examine the impact Covid-19 has had on your service and your clients. Participants of this survey will provide evidence for appropriate policy responses to the pandemic.

About the survey

This survey is split into three main sections:

- A. Service Information
- B. Impacts of Covid-19 for clients
- C. Impacts of Covid-19 for services

The survey will take approximately 15 minutes to complete. Please note you can download a pdf copy of your responses if you wish. It is also possible to save the progress you have made on the survey and continue at another time, by clicking "Save as Draft" on the right side of the screen.

Closing date

This online survey closes at 5 p.m. on Friday 4th September 2020. Please submit your responses before this deadline.

A. SERVICE INFORMATION
Please provide information on the type and location of your service.
1. Name of Service
Respondent contact details (for survey administrative purposes, not for analysis):
2. Respondent name
3. Role in service
4. Contact phone number
5. Contact email address
Please select your service type (tick all that apply)
Community Drugs Project
Counselling Service
Drug and Alcohol Task Force
Family Support Service
GP Addiction Service
HSE Addiction Service
Low Threshold /Day Service
Residential Treatment Service
Service Users/Peer Support Service
Other (please specify)
If you selected other, please specify your service type here:

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7. What type of clients use your service? (tick all that apply)

ii) Health & Social Impacts of Covid-19

Clients being positively

diagnosed with Covid-19

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Clients having to self-isolate

Clients admitted to hospital

10. To what extent have you observed a positive or negative change to your clients' health and wellbeing since the Covid-19 pandemic?

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Family relationships	0	0	0	0	0	0
Financial situation	0	9	0	0	0	0

11. To what extent have you observed the following negative impacts of the Covid-19 pandemic on your clients' health and wellbeing?

	Not at all	A little	To some extent	Quite a lot	Very much so	Don't know hard to say
Difficulty coping with social isolation	0	0	0	0	0	0
An increase in reported overdoses	0	0	0	0	0	0
An increase in drug-related deaths	0	0	0	0	0	0
An increase in prevalence of domestic violence	0	0	0	0	0	0
An increase in drug-related intimidation and violence	0	0	0	0	0	0

iii) Drug Use Patterns

12. To what extent have you observed a change in your clients' behaviour since the Covid-19 pandemic?

	Not at all	A little	To some extent	Quite a lot	Very much so	Don't know/ hard to say
Using alternative drugs	0	0	0	0	0	0
Using new combinations of drugs	Ð	0	0	0	0	0
Clients relapsing	0	0	0	9	0	0
Different ways of accessing drugs	0	0	0	0	0	0
Clients reduced their drug use	0	0	0	0	0	0

Clients increased their drug use	0	0	0	0	8	0
Greater take up of methadone/OST	0	0	0	0	0	0
Increased alcohol consumption	0	0	0	0	0	0
Clients attempting to self-detox without medical supervision	0	0	0	0	0	0
New risk taking behaviours	0	0	0	0	0	0

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iv) Access and Availability

13. In relation to the illegal drug market, since March 2020 to what extent have you heard reports from your clients or other service providers of the following?

	Not at all	A little	To some extent	Quite a lot	Very much so	Don't know/ hard to say
Difficulty in accessing drugs	0	0	0	0	0	0
Price increases	0	0	0	0	0	0
Price decreases	0	0	0	0	0	0
Drop in the quality of drugs	0	0	0	0	0	0
Using the darknet and online forums to purchase drugs	0	0	9	0	0	0
Drug drops to eliminate face-to- face contact	0	0	0	0	0	0
Home deliveries through postal service	0	0	Ð	0	0	0
Drug exchanges moved to homes	0	Ó	0	0	0	6

v) Impacts on Different Population Groups

14. From your service experience, to what extent has the health and wellbeing of the following population groups who use drugs or alcohol, been impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic?

	Not at all	A	To some extent	Quite a lot	Very much	Don't know
Men	0	0	0	0	0	0
Women	0	6	0	0	0	0

Young people (under 18)	0	0	0	0	0	6
Older people (40 +)	0	0	0	0	0	0
The Travelling community	0	0	0	0	0	0
The Roma community	0	0	0	0	9	0
The homeless community	6	0	0	0	0	0
The LGBTI community	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ex-prisoners	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sex workers	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other (if applicable)	89	8	•	0	0	0

If there are other population groups that you feel have been impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic, please specify these here:	

vi) COVID-19 Public Health Advice

15. How challenging has it been for your clients to adhere to the following elements of Covid-19 public health advice?

	Not at all challenging	A little challenging	Moderately challenging	Very challenging	Extremely challenging	Don' t know
Hand washing	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cough etiquette	0	0	٥	0	0	0
Physical distancing	0	0	0	0	ø	0
Travel restrictions	0	0	0	0	0	0
Restrictions on meeting people	0	6	6	6	0	0
Self- isolating/ cocooning	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wearing face masks	0	0	0	0	0	6
Other (if applicable)	0	0	0	0	0	0

If there a	are other elements of t	ne Covid-19 public	heath advice tha	t your clients find	challenging,
please s	pecify them here:				

D. COVID-19 IMPACTS ON SERVICES

This section asks about the impact of Covid-19 public health advice on drug and alcohol services.

16. 0	verall, what level of impact has the Covid-19 pandemic had upon your service?
0	No impact
0	Slight impact
0	Moderate impact
0	High impact
0	Extremely high impact

i) Impacts on Aspects of Services

17. To what extent have the following aspects of services reduced or increased for your clients?

	Significantly reduced	Slightly reduced	No change	Slightly increased	Significantly increased	Not applicable
Face-to-face contact with clients	0	0	6	0	0	0
Availability of existing services	0	0	0	0	0	0
Number of people using services	0	0	0	0	0	0
Provision of Harm Reduction equipment /services	0	0	0	•	0	•
Hours of service provision	0	0	6	0	0	0

services to clients? (tick all that apply)	n providing
Online consultations, counselling or key working Video-conferencing (e.g. for support/recovery group sessions)	
Telephone consultations, counselling or key working	
Home delivery of medications/take-home medication	
Needle and syringe/ crack pipe exchange services	
Electronic transfer of prescriptions	
Physical distancing in clinics/treatment centres	
Use of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)	
Appointment letters to ensure unrestricted travel for attendance	
Faster induction of clients to treatment programmes Other (please specify)	
your service has employed other methods to overcome the challenges in providing lents, please specify these here:	g services to
How have the following operational elements of your service been impacted by the andemic? Not A To Quite	he Covid-19
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Staff absence/ illness	0	0	0	0	Ð	0
Staff redeployment to other duties	0	0	0	0	0	0
Staff retention issues	0	0	0	0	Ð	0
Staff concerns about safety	0	0	0	0	0	0
Staff supervision & support	0	0	0	0	0	0
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Staff working from home	V	0.000				
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	ng are the below	factors for you	ur organisation	, in restoring d	rug and alco
ices?	Not at all challenging	A little challenging	Moderately challenging	Very challenging	Extremely
Social distancing	0	0	0	0	0
Financial costs (PPE, IT, etc)	0	0	0	0	0
Staff training and support	0	0	0	0	0
New patterns of drug and alcohol use	0	•	•	•	· •
Availability of back-up /support services	0	8	0	0	0
Contingency planning for future outbreaks	0	•	•	0	0
Other (if applicable)	0	٥	0	0	0

g impact of Covid-	-19?			
at type of services	s or initiatives are r	eeded?		
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25. Do you envisage a need for new drug and alcohol services or initiatives in light of the



Participant Information Sheet

Online Survey on the Impact of Covid-19 on Drug and Alcohol Services.

Invitation to participate

We would like to invite you to take part in this research study by completing an online survey. Please take time to read the following information which explains why this research is being done and what your involvement would consist of. Please feel free to ask questions if there is anything that you are unsure of, contact information is supplied below.

What is this research about?

A survey is being conducted by staff of the Irish Government Economic and Evaluation Service (IGEES) in the Department of Health on the impact Covid-19 has had on drug and alcohol services and their clients. The survey is being conducted on behalf of the Drugs Policy and Social Inclusion Unit in the Department of Health and will form part of a wider Rapid Assessment of the Impact of Covid-19 on drug trends and services in Ireland. Due to the health implications of using drugs, such as reduced lung capacity and a weakened immune system, people who do so are more susceptible to the negative effects of Covid-19. Drug service providers have had to quickly alter their services in order to comply with the health and safety guidelines given in response to this virus. This survey will highlight how services have altered their operations and the impacts this has had on their clients. Participants will be asked to provide information on whether Covid-19 has impacted their work and the behaviours of their clients.

How was my email selected?

All relevant drug and alcohol service providers in Ireland have been sent an invitation by email from researchers in the Department of Health requesting that they take part in this survey. This invitation will only be sent to drug and alcohol service providers. Each service will receive an individual link to the survey.

What will be involved if I take part?

Participants will be asked to complete an online survey consisting of various questions in relation to the impact Covid-19 has had on their services and clients. Questions will involve selecting answers or typing answers as appropriate. The survey will take approximately 15 minutes to complete. We ask that you answer these questions as accurately as possible.

What if I decide not to take part?

Taking part in this study is voluntary. You are free to withdraw from the study and to withdraw any information that you have given. You are also entitled to refuse to answer any questions you don't want to answer.

What are the benefits and risks of taking part in this study?

Information collected in this survey will be used to measure the impact Covid-19 has had on drug and alcohol services. The results will show how services and their clients have been impacted. The answers you provide will contribute to the rapid response assessment of these changes and provide evidence for appropriate policy responses to the risks and concerns that have arisen. While it is possible this survey may cause some distress for those who take part, for example when considering how they or their clients have been negatively impacted by Covid-19, it is unlikely that this will exceed the challenges faced day-to-day while working in drug and alcohol services. We do not anticipate such problems arising from participation in this survey.

What will happen to the information I give?

Any information that you give will be strictly confidential. The data will be encrypted on secure servers during fieldwork and stored in an anonymous form on a secure server in the Department of Health after fieldwork is complete. The research data will always remain confidential and answers of all survey participants will be grouped together so that no individual's responses will be identified. The Department of Health will be the Data Controller and the body responsible for ensuring data is kept secure. Personal identifiable data of participants will be collected for fieldwork administration only and will not be included in analysis or reporting. This data will only be retained for a period of up to 6 weeks during fieldwork and finalisation of data. Please note members of the public can request to see the responses we receive to the survey under the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act 2014, so we may have to release survey responses if required by an FOI request. Any personally identifiable data will not be released in these circumstances.

What information will I be required to give?

The questions in the survey will ask for details about your service, such as the type of service you operate, and the region your service operates in. It will also ask for the respondent's name, role in the service and a contact phone number and email address. This personal data is being collected for fieldwork administration only and will not be included in analysis. Survey questions will ask about the impact Covid-19 has had on the health and welfare of your clients, on drug use patterns, on access and availability of drugs, and on particular vulnerable groups. The survey will also ask about the impact of public health advice and restrictions, and the impacts of Covid-19 and public health guidelines on different aspects of service provision and your staff. You will also be given a chance to express your views on the restoration of drug and alcohol services and any service changes needed in light of the continuing impact of Covid-19. No questions in the survey are mandatory and you can refuse to answer any question.

Your rights under GDPR (General Data Protection Regulation)

This research is being conducted in full compliance with GDPR and is overseen by the Data Protection Officer at the Department of Health. Personal data will include the name, role and contact information of the person filling out the survey. This is for administrative purposes only and will not be used in analysis.

If I have any questions or problems, who can I contact?

If you have any questions or problems regarding this research, you may contact the Department of Health on 01 6354000 and ask for the Research Service Unit or by email at Research Services and Policy@health.gov.ie. Alternatively, you can contact the Principal Investigator of the research, Jim Walsh, Drugs Policy and Social Inclusion Unit, Department of Health, at the same telephone number or email Jim Walsh@health.gov.ie