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INTRODUCING A SAFER DRUG CONSUMPTION FACILITY FOR GLASGOW

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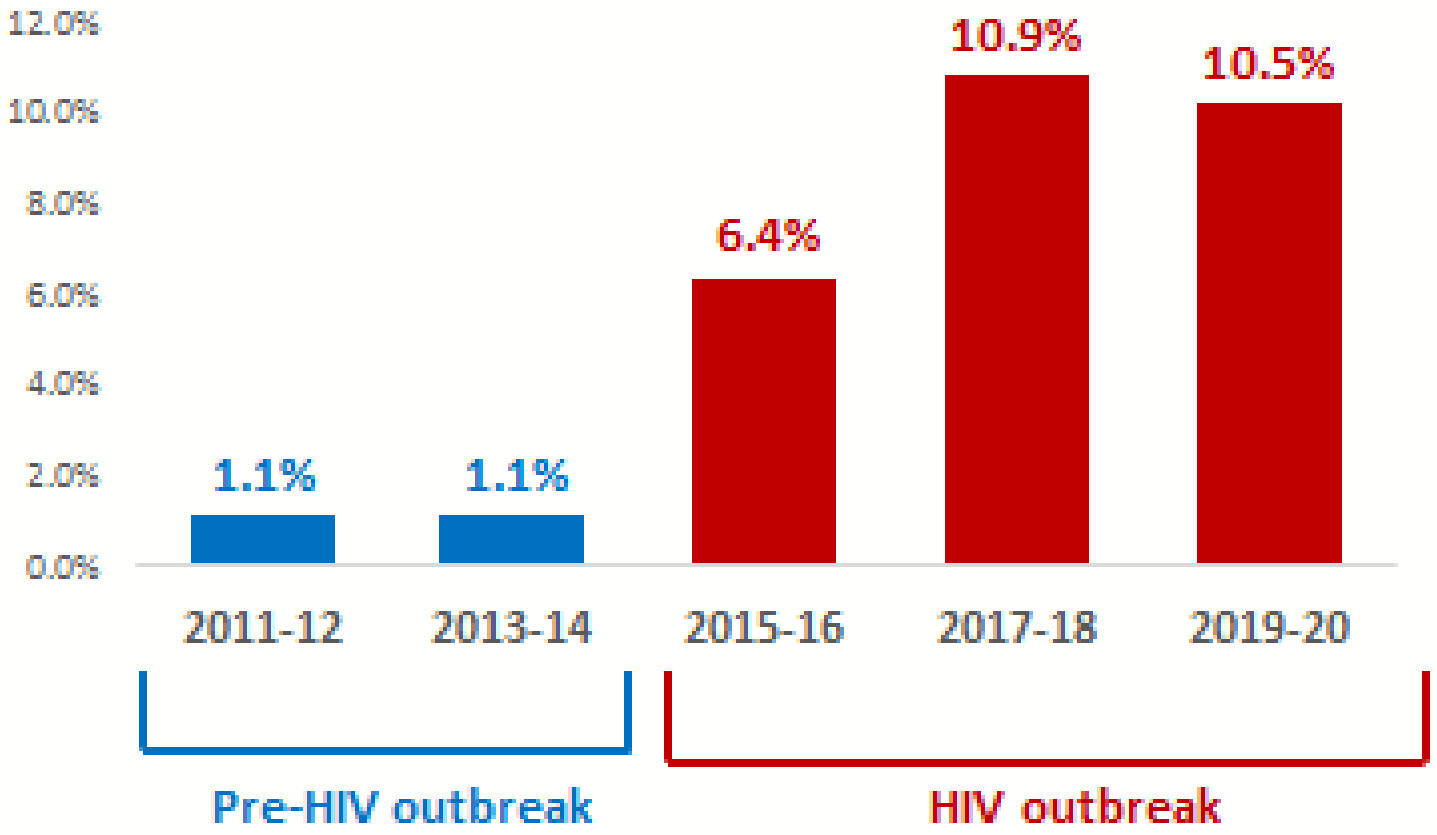
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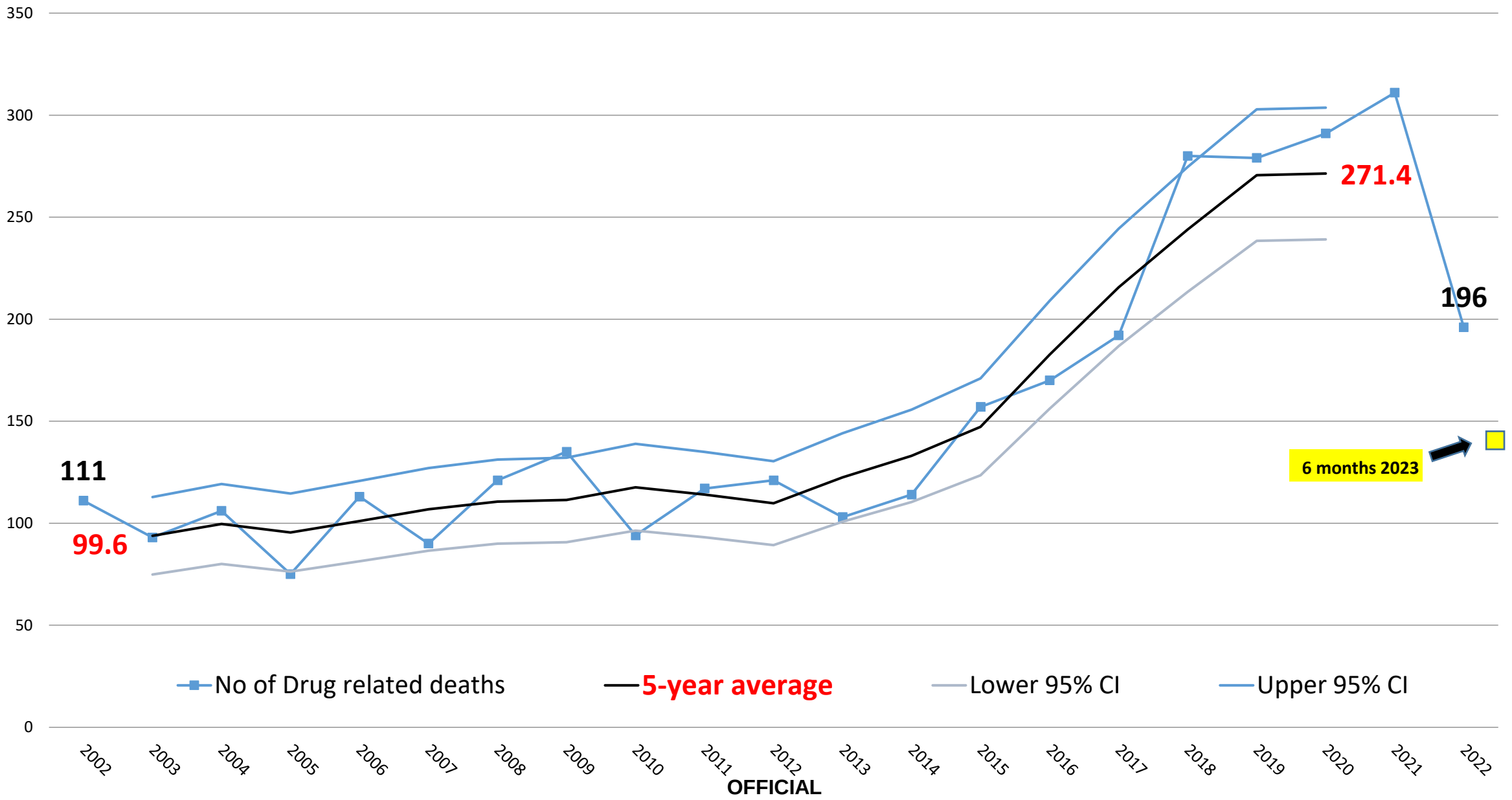
Rise in HIV prevalence in the population of PWID in Glasgow City



- 10-fold rise in prevalence of HIV infection among PWID observed in Glasgow city between 2013 and 2017
- Plateauing in prevalence of HIV infection among PWID between 2017 and 2019 (i.e. pre–COVID)

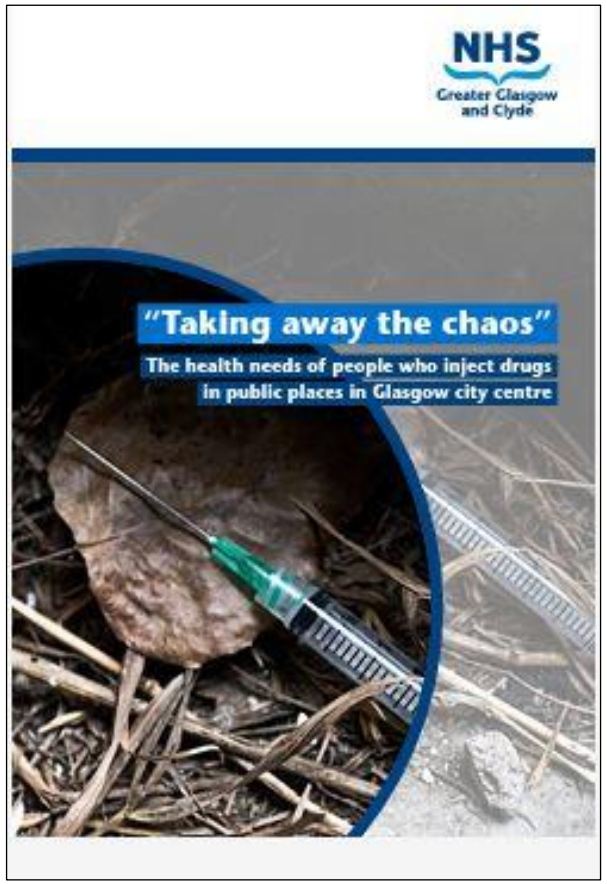
Source: Needle Exchange Surveillance Initiative

Drug-related deaths in Glasgow City - 20 Years of data

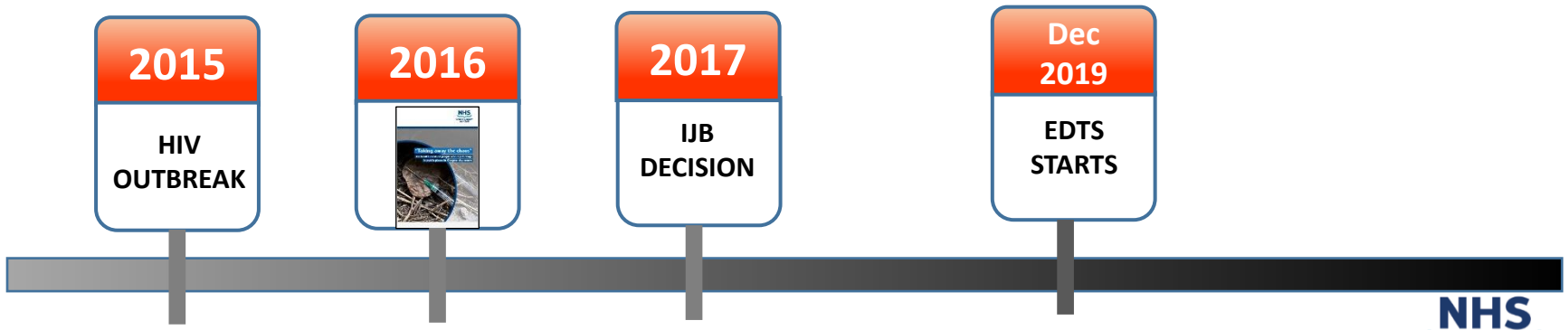


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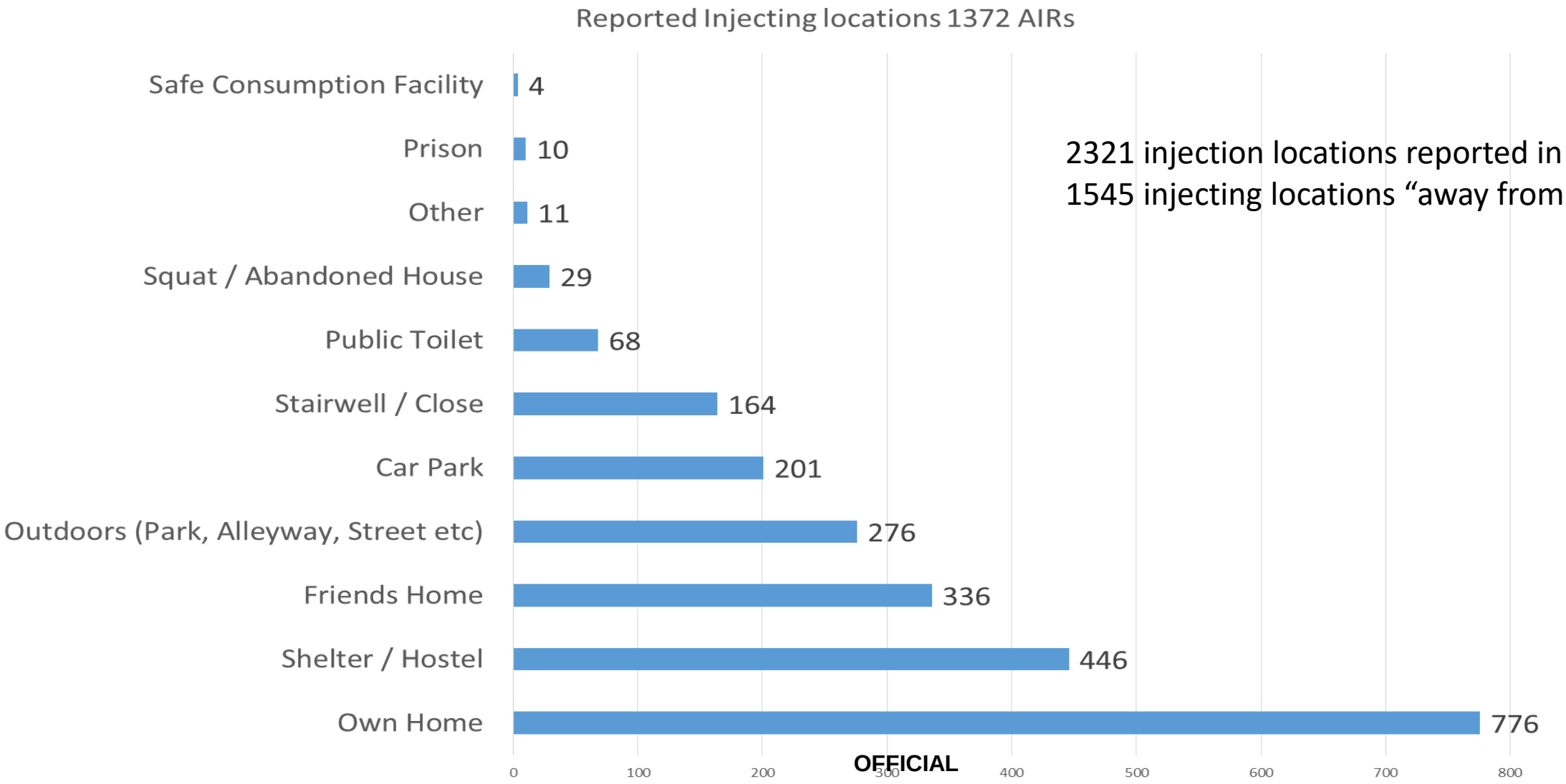
HEALTH NEEDS



- Health Needs assessment following sharp rise in HIV in 2015
- Proportion of the Injecting population living with Blood Borne Virus
- Ongoing Public Health issues with injecting 'away from home' or consuming substances alone



INJECTING LOCATIONS 2022/23



2321 injection locations reported in 6 months period
1545 injecting locations “away from home”

NEEDLE COMPLAINTS TO CITY COUNCIL
CALTON & TRONGATE

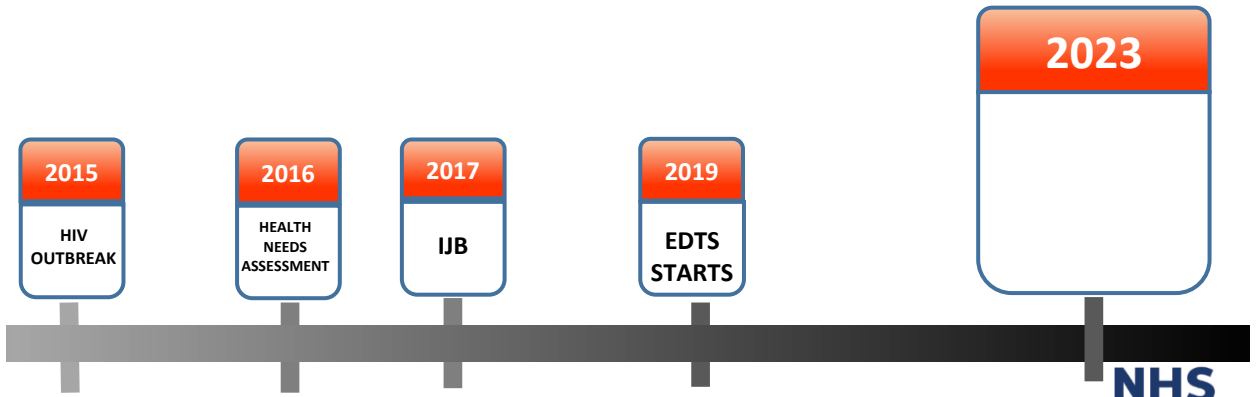


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GLASGOW 2023

- Injecting ‘away from home’ increasing
- Cocaine Injection very prevalent
- Public Health Issue
  - Discarded needles and paraphernalia
  - Bodily fluids



WHAT IS A SAFER DRUG CONSUMPTION FACILITY ?

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WHAT IS A SDCF?

Hygienic environments where illicit drugs (purchased off the premises) can be consumed under clinical supervision



Vancouver



Sydney

- Sterile injecting equipment
- Advice on injecting technique
- Overdose assistance
- On-site health & social service

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BENEFITS OF SDCF ?

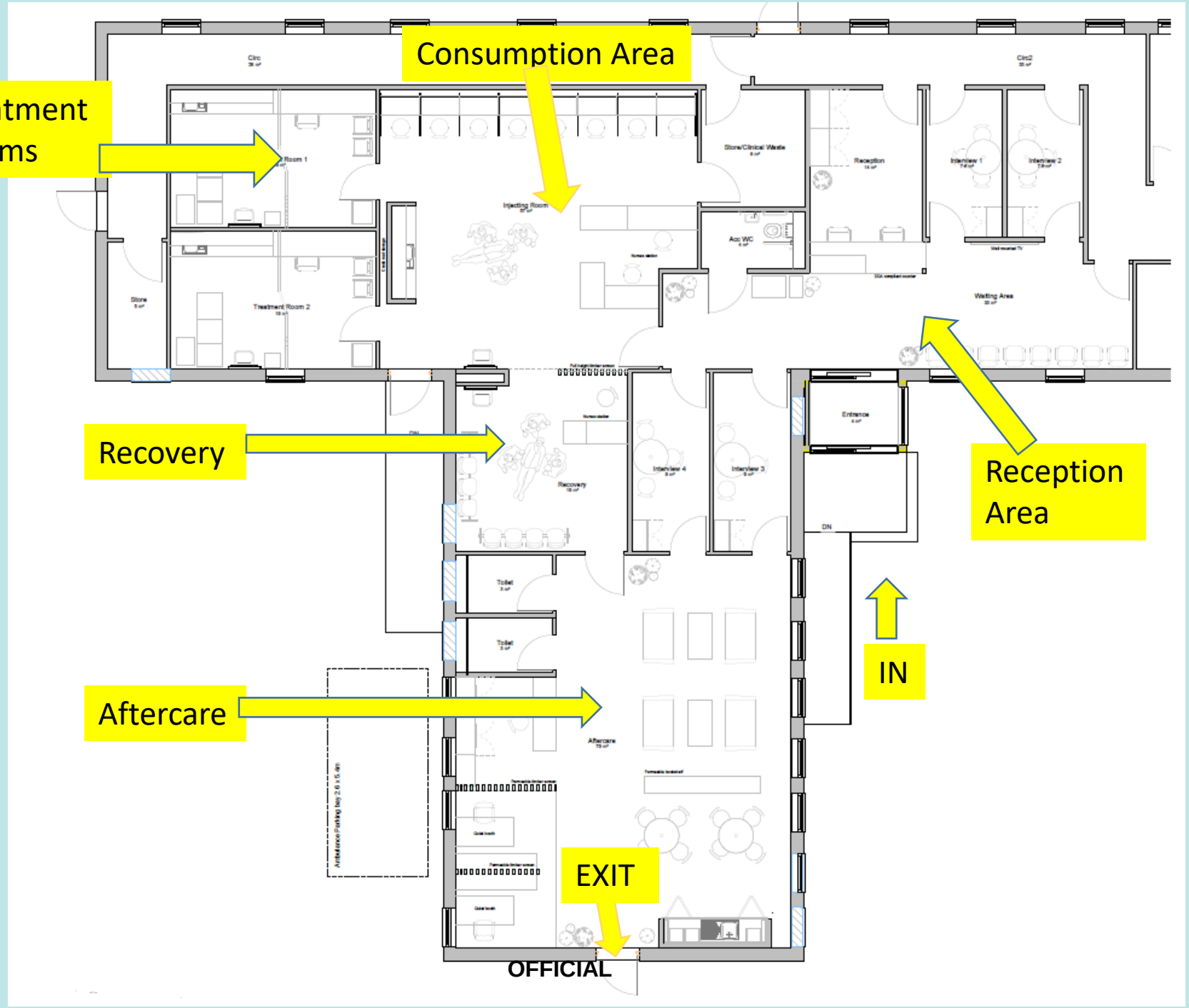
Evidence elsewhere tells us that SDCF's;

- Reduce overdose and drug deaths
- Reduce drug related litter
- Reduce drug-related health harm
- Reduce infectious disease transmission
- Fewer injecting injuries
- Slow the spread of blood borne viruses
- Fewer needles discarded
- Reduce stigma

- Improve social amenity
- Improve health inequalities Engagement into key services
- Promotes safer consumption
- Harm Reduction advice
- Support and aftercare
- Compassionate care
- Trauma informed space

GLASGOW SDCF PLANS

- LOCATION
- HOURS OF OPERATION
- INCLUSION / EXCLUSION CRITERIA ?
- MODEL OF OPERATION


Consumption Area
Treatment Rooms
Recovery
Reception Area
Aftercare
IN
EXIT
Clinic
Clinic2
Room 1
Treatment Room 2
Injecting Room
Store/Clinical Waste
Reception
Interview 1
Interview 2
Acc WC
Waiting Area
Store
Entrance
Interview 4
Interview 3
Recovery
Toilet
Toilet
DN
Aftercare
Ambulance Parking bay 2.6 x 5.4m

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EXISTING HAT SETUP – HUNTER STREET



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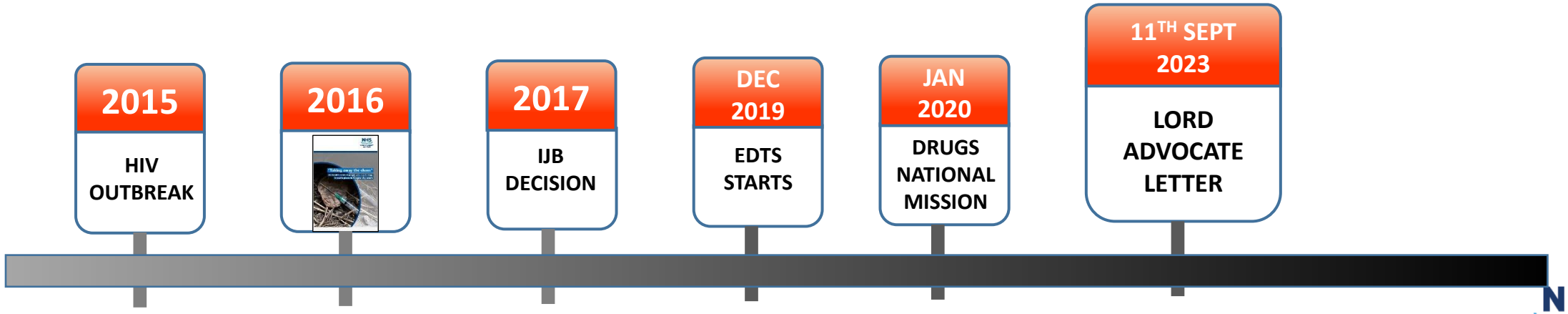
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THE LEGAL FRAMEWORK

THE LEGAL DETAILS



- No change to Misuse of Drugs Act 1971
- 11th Sept '23 Lord Advocate's announcement, would be prepared to issue a statement of prosecution policy

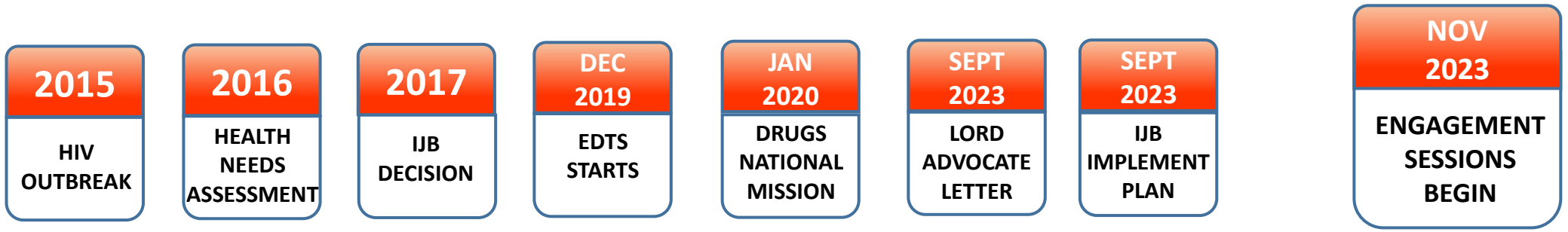


GOVERNANCE AND EVALUATION

OVERSIGHT AND GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS

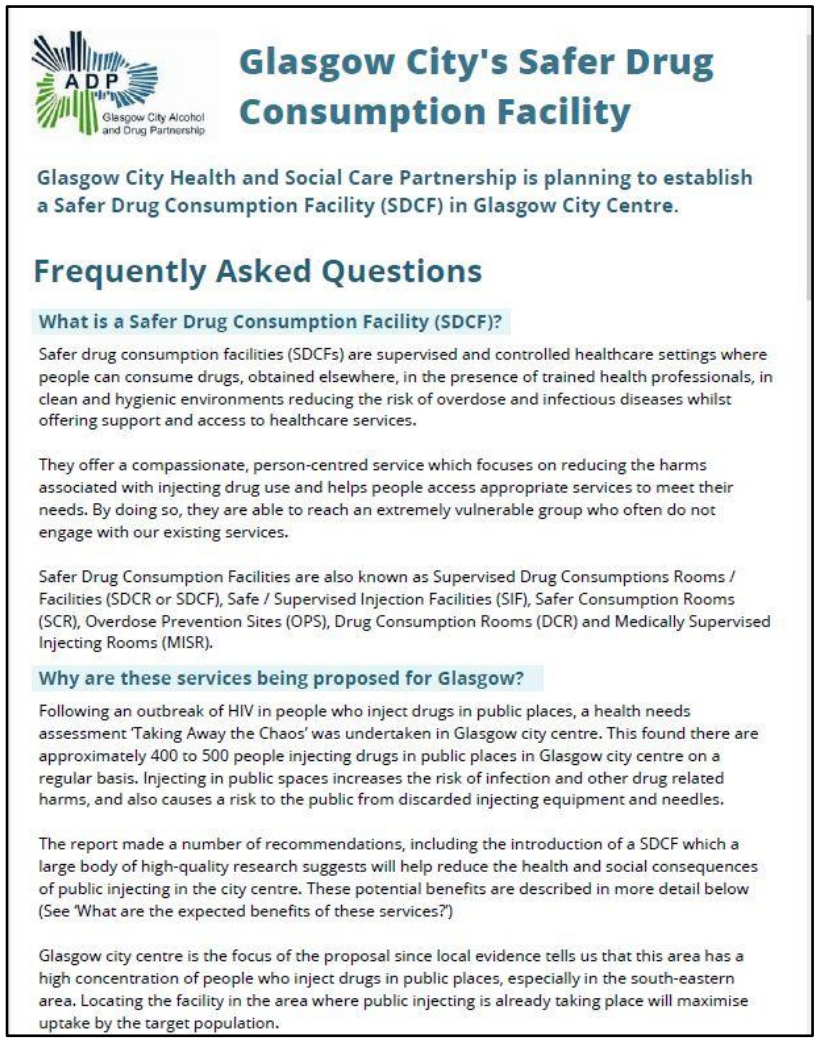
The SDCF implementation plan was agreed by the HSCP IJB on 27th September 2023 Implementation Board and subgroups have been established;

SDCF Implementation Board	Chairs- Jackie Kerr, Sharon Wearing
Sub groups	Communications and Engagement Properties Workforce Evaluation



FURTHER INFORMATION

FAQ Document



Glasgow City's Safer Drug Consumption Facility

Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership is planning to establish a Safer Drug Consumption Facility (SDCF) in Glasgow City Centre.

Frequently Asked Questions

What is a Safer Drug Consumption Facility (SDCF)?

Safer drug consumption facilities (SDCFs) are supervised and controlled healthcare settings where people can consume drugs, obtained elsewhere, in the presence of trained health professionals, in clean and hygienic environments reducing the risk of overdose and infectious diseases whilst offering support and access to healthcare services.

They offer a compassionate, person-centred service which focuses on reducing the harms associated with injecting drug use and helps people access appropriate services to meet their needs. By doing so, they are able to reach an extremely vulnerable group who often do not engage with our existing services.

Safer Drug Consumption Facilities are also known as Supervised Drug Consumptions Rooms / Facilities (SDCR or SDCF), Safe / Supervised Injection Facilities (SIF), Safer Consumption Rooms (SCR), Overdose Prevention Sites (OPS), Drug Consumption Rooms (DCR) and Medically Supervised Injecting Rooms (MISR).

Why are these services being proposed for Glasgow?

Following an outbreak of HIV in people who inject drugs in public places, a health needs assessment 'Taking Away the Chaos' was undertaken in Glasgow city centre. This found there are approximately 400 to 500 people injecting drugs in public places in Glasgow city centre on a regular basis. Injecting in public spaces increases the risk of infection and other drug related harms, and also causes a risk to the public from discarded injecting equipment and needles.

The report made a number of recommendations, including the introduction of a SDCF which a large body of high-quality research suggests will help reduce the health and social consequences of public injecting in the city centre. These potential benefits are described in more detail below (See 'What are the expected benefits of these services?')

Glasgow city centre is the focus of the proposal since local evidence tells us that this area has a high concentration of people who inject drugs in public places, especially in the south-eastern area. Locating the facility in the area where public injecting is already taking place will maximise uptake by the target population.

HSCP bespoke SDCF webpage



Safer Drug Consumption Facility

Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP) is working with NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde (NHSGGC) and other partners to develop a pilot Safer Drug Consumption Facility (SDCF). This will be the first Safer Drug Consumption Facility in Scotland and the United Kingdom.

SDCFs are supervised healthcare settings where people can inject drugs, obtained elsewhere in the presence of trained health professionals in clean, hygienic environments. The service aims to reduce the negative impact that injecting outdoors has on local residents, communities and businesses, reduce the harms associated with injecting drugs on individuals and support people to access help to improve their lives.

The SDCF is due to open in 2024 and will be the first of its kind in the UK.

Stories from service users, families and professionals

Service user information

Families information

Local communities information

Background information

Engagement information

Frequently asked questions

QUESTIONS AND DISCUSSION

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