

Evaluation of the Scottish Government Residential Rehabilitation programme

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About this release

Overview

This release presents the findings from the baseline phase of the PHS evaluation of the Scottish Government Residential Rehabilitation programme.

Scottish Government Residential Rehabilitation programme

The Residential Rehabilitation programme (2021–2026) was launched to help improve access to residential rehab for individuals who use alcohol or drugs.

It is part of the Scottish Government's National Mission to reduce drug deaths and improve the lives of those impacted by drugs.

PHS evaluation

The overarching aim of the evaluation is to assess the impact of the Scottish Government programme – on how residential rehab is organised, how easily it can be accessed and how well it delivers for individuals with substance use issues across Scotland.

The evaluation is part of the wider PHS evaluation of the National Mission.

Main report and supporting documents

The main report synthesises the baseline findings across different research projects. Four of the research projects are released as stand-alone publications:

- Perceptions of residential rehabilitation among referrers.
- Exploring the provision of post-residential rehabilitation support services.
- Exploring demand for and perceptions of residential rehabilitation amongst people who experience problems with drugs across Scotland.
- Exploring the experience of accessing residential rehabilitation for substance use. Baseline survey of residential rehab clients.

Next steps




The final PHS evaluation report will be published after the Residential Rehabilitation programme finishes, in 2026.

Main report

Baseline report

This report presents baseline findings of the PHS evaluation of the Scottish Government Residential Rehabilitation programme.

Downloads


-  Evaluation of the Scottish Government Residential Rehabilitation programme: Baseline report PDF | 1.2MB
-  Evaluation of the Scottish Government Residential Rehabilitation programme: Baseline summary report PDF | 262.5KB
-  Evaluation of the Scottish Government Residential Rehabilitation programme Baseline findings: at a glance PDF | 102.0KB

Supporting documents

Perceptions of residential rehabilitation among referrers

This report focuses on current referring practices and the views of those who can make referrals.

Downloads

-  Perceptions of residential rehabilitation among referrers PDF | 1.2MB

Exploring the provision of post-residential rehabilitation support services

This report looks at the provision of post-residential rehabilitation housing, employability and recovery support services. It presents findings based on qualitative research with 23 housing, employability and recovery support services conducted in March 2023.


Downloads

 [Exploring the provision of post-residential rehabilitation support services PDF | 1.1MB](#)

Exploring demand for, and perceptions of, residential rehabilitation amongst people who experience problems with drugs across Scotland

The overall study aim was to better understand demand for, and perceptions of, for residential rehabilitation services among people who experience problems with drugs across Scotland.


Downloads

 [Exploring demand for, and perceptions of, Residential Rehabilitation amongst people who experience problems with drugs across Scotland: Final report PDF | 3.3MB](#)

Exploring the experience of accessing residential rehabilitation for substance use: Baseline survey of residential rehab clients

This report presents the findings from a survey of residential rehab clients. The survey was open to all individuals who were in residential rehab in Scotland at the time of the survey.

Downloads

 [Exploring the experience of accessing residential rehabilitation for substance use: Baseline survey of residential rehab clients PDF | 779.4KB](#)

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