

**CONFERENCE & WORKSHOP PROGRAMME****DAY ONE: CONFERENCE – RECOVERY POLICY AND PRACTICE OPTIONS**

- 9.30 Welcome and Introduction – Prof Rob Warner, Executive Dean of the Faculty of the Humanities
- 9.30–10.45 Session 1: RECENT UK POLICY CHANGES: ASPIRATIONS AND IMPLEMENTATION**  
Chair: Wendy Dossett
- 9.45 Desistance, Recovery & Austerity – Mark Gilman, PHE
- 10.05 Substance Misuse Recovery Framework – Caroline Phipps, Welsh Government
- 10.25 Drug Policy to Practice and the Origins of Conflict – Samantha Weston, Keele University

**10.45–11.15 Coffee**

- 11.15–13.00 Session 2: THE POTENTIAL ROLE OF MUTUAL – AID GROUPS/PROGRAMMES**  
Chair: Mark Gilman
- 11.20 Twelve Step Fellowships & Programmes: Potential Options and Barriers – Ed Day, NAC
- 11.40 How Religious are AA/NA? Twelve Step Spirituality – Wendy Dossett, CSARS Group
- 12.00 SMART Recovery – Richard Phillips, Director
- 12.20 An Alcoholics Anonymous Board Member's Perspective – Geoff H
- 12.40 The Perspective of Narcotics Anonymous – Peter H

**13.00–14.00 Lunch**

- 14.00–15.15 Session 3: A RANGE OF RECOVERY SOLUTIONS**  
Chair: David Best
- 14.05 Wrexham's experience of a TSF Project – John Stoner, CSARS Group
- 14.25 Recovery Contagion – Alistair Sinclair, UKRF
- 14.45 Change in Social Groups – Steve Dixon, Changes UK
- 15.05 Post Treatment Exit Strategies – Tim Leighton, Action on Addiction

**15.25–15.45 Tea**

- 15.45–16.30 Session 4: COMMISSIONERS PERSPECTIVES**  
Chair: Tony Mercer



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- 15.45 Commissioning Mutual Aid Facilitation – obstacles and opportunities, Tony Mercer, PHE
- 16.00 A 'specialist' and community-led strategy – Tony Bullock, Public Health Staffordshire
- 16.15 Creating the space for the development of sustainable recovery – Chris Lee, Lancashire CC
- 16.30 Closing Discussion: "Where Do We Go From Here?" Setting the scene for the Workshop tomorrow.**
- 16.45 Close**

**19.30–21.00 DAY ONE PUBLIC LECTURE  
RECOVERY – WHAT DO WE KNOW AND WHERE MIGHT WE GO?**  
Chair: John Stoner  
Keynote Address: David Best  
Panel Discussion: Ed Day, Mark Gilman, Alistair Sinclair

**CONFERENCE & WORKSHOP PROGRAMME****DAY TWO: WORKSHOP – FACILITATING RECOVERY POLICY DELIVERY****9.30–10.45 Session 1: HELPING CLIENTS TO ENGAGE WITH MUTUAL AID**

Chair: Ed Day

Public Health England's approach – Megan Jones &amp; Luke Mitcheson, PHE

**10.45 Coffee****11.10–13.15 Session 2: TERMS OF ENGAGEMENT**

Chair: David Best

A. The potential, constraints, availability and response of mutual aid groups

11.15 Alcoholics Anonymous, Geoff H &amp; Phil W

11.35 Narcotics Anonymous, Peter H

11.55 SMART Recovery, Richard Philips

B. Engagement with the wider recovery movement

12.15 UK Recovery Federation, Alistair Sinclair

12.35 Leicester Recovery Partnership, Jon Roberts

12.55 Recovery Initiative Social Enterprise (RISE), Mario Sobczak

**13.15–14.15 Lunch****14.15–15.15 Session 4: Workshops****Three parallel workshop sessions to identify the challenges and potential solutions faced by the three sectors involved:**

- Professionals
- Mutual Aid Groups
- The wider recovery movement

**15.15–15.30 Coffee****15.30–16.30 Closing Discussion: Feedback from Workshops and "Where Do We Go From Here?"****16.30 Close & Disperse**