



Homeless Link

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Access to Drug and Alcohol Treatment and Support

for People Experiencing Homelessness
from Outside the United Kingdom



Do you have problems with drinking or drug use you would like help with?



Did you know you can get free access to many types of drug and alcohol support in the UK no matter what your immigration status is here?

This support includes:

- Information and advice on using drugs and alcohol more safely
- Health screenings
- Drug and alcohol counselling
- Substitute prescribing for heroin and morphine - methadone or buprenorphine

You may be able to access this support through:

- A specialist drug and alcohol service for people experiencing homelessness
- Your GP - this is the family doctor and first point of contact for National Health Service treatment
- A primary care nurse in a day centre or other setting

Anyone living in the UK can register for free with a GP. You don't have to show ID or provide proof of residence to do this.



You can also ask for language/translation support from these services if you need it.



If you are:

- **From an EEA country and you have settled or pre-settled status in the UK (or you are applying for this status)**
- **A refugee**
- **An asylum seeker**
- **A refused asylum seeker getting Home Office or local authority support**
- **Have indefinite leave to remain in the UK**

You may also get free access to:

- **Inpatient Detox, e.g. supervised withdrawal from drugs or alcohol in a hospital or other clinical setting**
- **Residential rehabilitation, e.g. treatment and psychological support around alcohol or drugs**

You may be asked to prove your right of residence in the UK and your right to free treatment.

Ask your support worker if you need more help.

What we do

Homeless Link is the national membership charity for frontline homelessness services. We work to improve services through research, guidance and learning, and campaign for policy change that will ensure everyone has a place to call home and the support they need to keep it.



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