

# London Chemsex Conferences 2024

# CONFERENCE AGENDA



**Please note: some of the speakers, the format, and agenda differed between the three events.**

## Objectives

Understand the chemsex landscape, including prevalence. Understand how chemsex harms impact health service provision, including criminal justice. Explore practical solutions with a focus on harm reduction.

## What to expect

A day of knowledge and learning with practitioners and specialists from the fields of chemsex, harm reduction, and sexual health; and colleagues from the voluntary, statutory, and governmental sectors. Printed and online resources will be available throughout the day.

## What you will be doing

You will hear from practitioners in treatment, harm reduction, health and monitoring groups, and those with lived experience. These are smaller conference events for 60 delegates with an emphasis on shorter presentations, interactive learning, Q&A and discussion, and workgroup sessions.

## Programme highlights

- **Defining chemsex and prevalence in the Capital.**
- **Overview of the chemsex landscape including lived experiences through a series of short, interconnected, presentations:**
  - Hook-up and chemsex scene
  - Challenges for trans and non-binary people
  - Challenges for Black people and People of Colour
  - Problematic chemsex, and addiction
  - Mental, sexual, health wellbeing issues
  - Navigating (statutory service) support and care pathways
  - Harm reduction, abstinence, and sober sex
  - Sexual assault and rape
  - The Barking murders
- **Chemsex practices (dosing, safer injecting, smoking) within the context of sexualised drug use.**
- **Understanding the chemsex landscape through service provision through a series of short, interconnected, presentations:**
  - London Ambulance Service (LAS)
  - Royal London Hospital (ED)
  - Antidote (London Friend)
- **56 Dean Street**
  - Survivors UK
  - House of Rainbow
  - Trans and Non-Binary Perspectives
  - Gay Men's Health Collective
- **Harm reduction v criminal justice** with Dr Alex Dymock, Senior Lecturer in Law
- **Chemsex harm reduction tool for ambulance crews** with London Ambulance Service (LAS)
- **Group sessions**
  - Delegate questions and queries (submitted in advance)
  - A London update
  - Revisiting harm reduction and support priorities for the Capital.
- **Next steps and takeaways.**