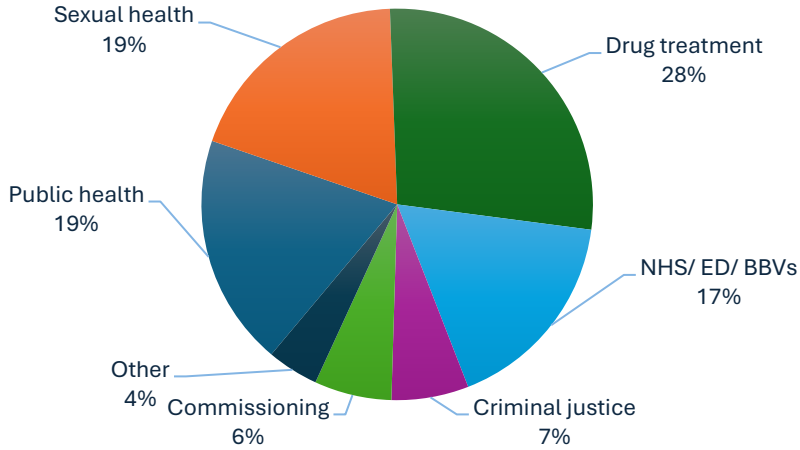


# London Chemsex Conferences 2024 DELEGATE FEEDBACK

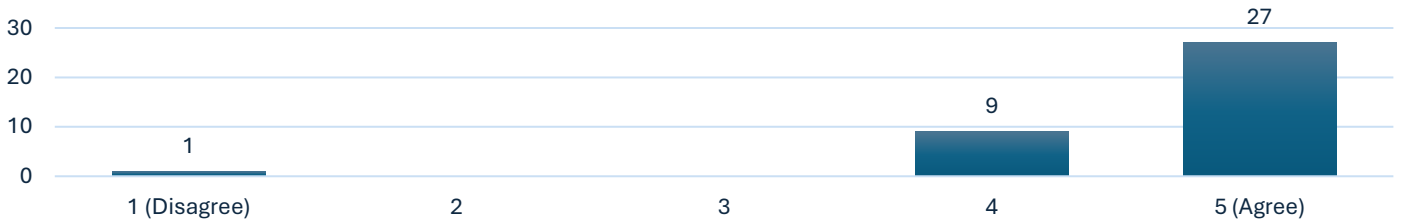


Based on 37 respondents, approximately 19.4% of the delegate total.

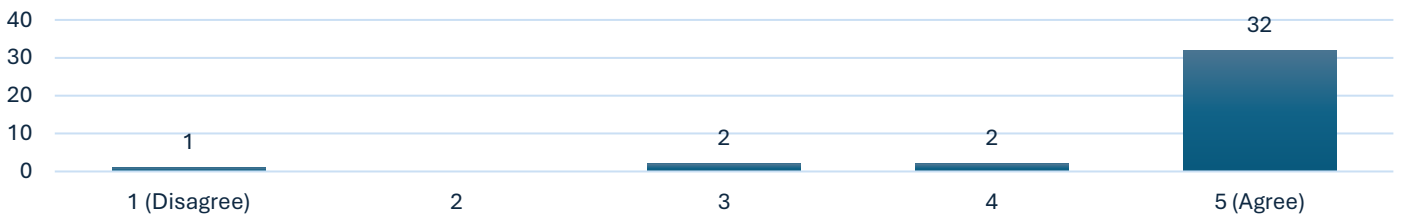
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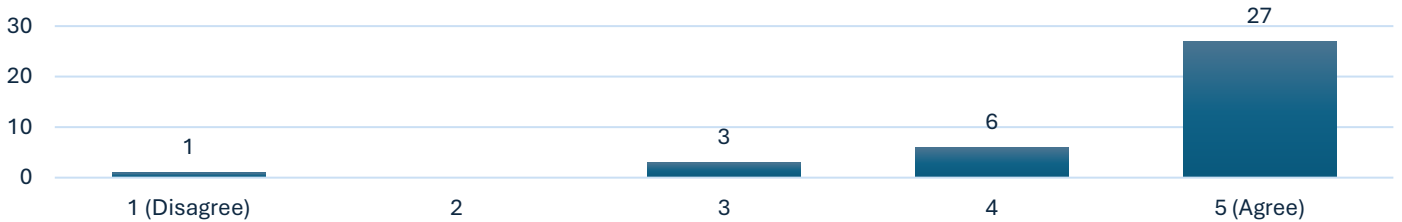
Overall, the conference was well organised.

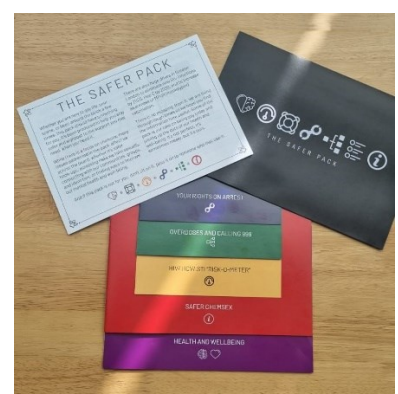
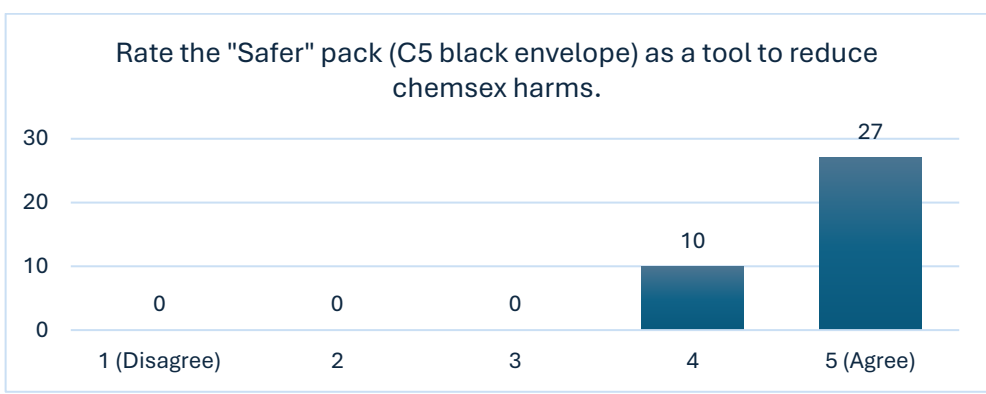
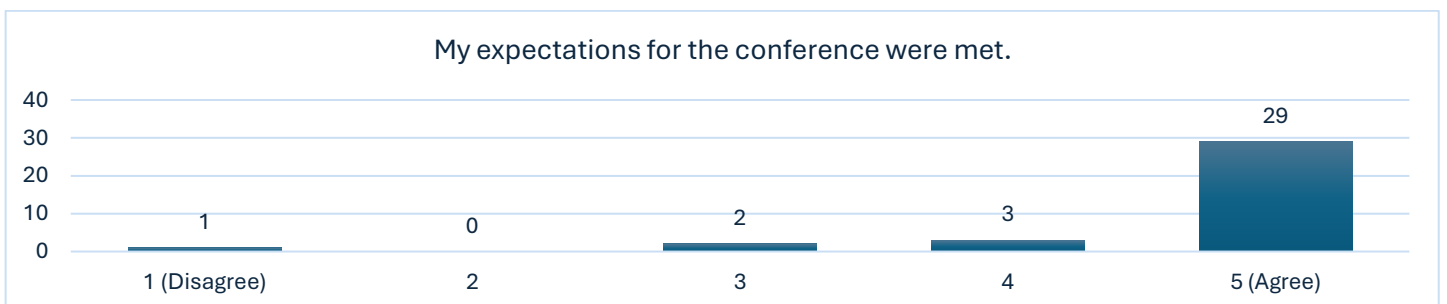
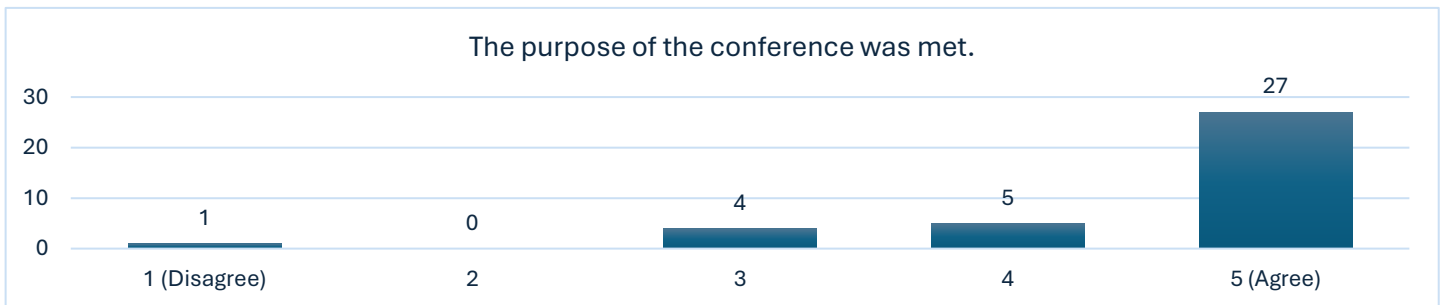
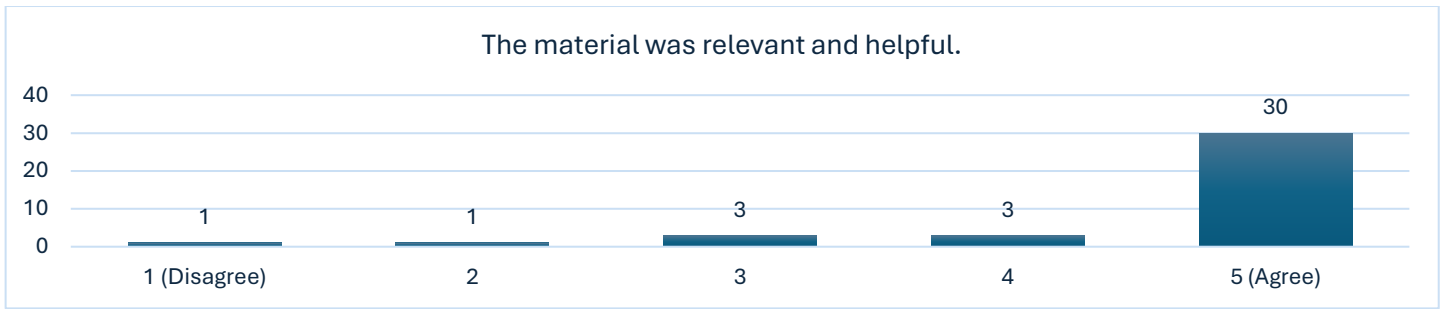


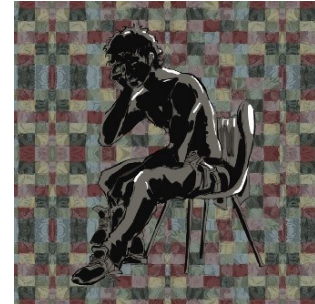
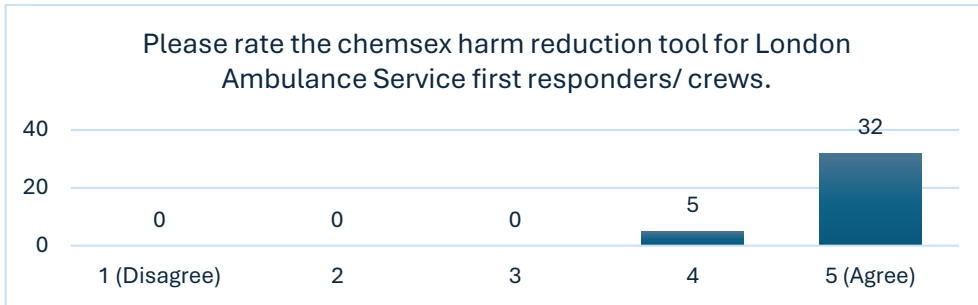
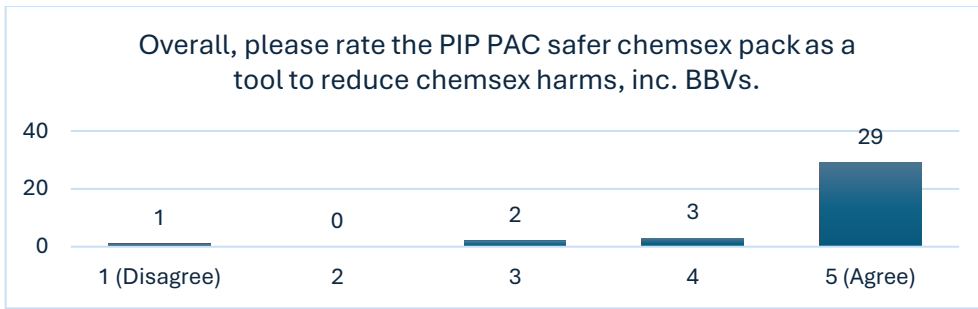
The speakers/ presenters were knowledgeable.



The material was presented in an engaging manner.







A Conference low point:

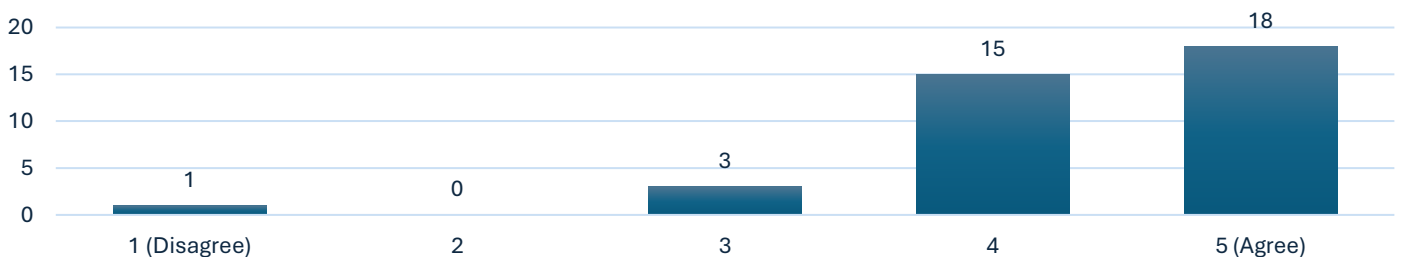
- a. Not enough time to discuss topics and experience with delegates to share ideas and best practice.
- b. During question sessions, some people used question time to tell a story or speak about their own experiences, rather than ask questions.
- c. Finished before time; some attendees were argumentative rather than collaborative with others in the room
- d. An attendee who insisted her voice was more important than that of the presenters
- e. Running out of coffee
- f. Panellists
- g. Room just a little bit small!
- h. The work sheets. Didn't find this particularly useful. Would rather have had an interactive session with the facilitators and participants as a large group
- i. Sad to hear services are closing due to lack of funds when they are an essential source of expert knowledge.
- j. None
- k. There wasn't one for me. It was so engaging and energising, despite the fact we were discussing a really vulnerable group experiencing some horrific life changing events and an increasing death rate
- l. Some topics assumed to be known by everyone were left unexplained.
- m. Lack of lived experiences and lack of Police involvement around myth busting but I suspect there was a larger reason why the Met were not included or involved
- n. Nothing comes to mind
- o. Space availability
- p. More to explore, terminology, more and differing lived experience, more on recovery assessment , apps and social media
- q. N/A
- r. That it finished
- s. Nothing obvious! Perhaps more space/tables as demand exceeded expectations
- t. Not enough time!
- u. AV equipment shaky, some panellist contributions quite weak and general lack of intersectionality, the harm reduction v criminal justice talk fell at an awkward angle to the rest of the conference and was crying out for some data
- v. I had a bad stomach
- w. Believe everyone in the room was aware of most aspects of the conferences. I had hoped more shared best practice and more of an influence to work together to make changes
- x. Not sure
- y. Found it hard having speakers have their talks split
- z. Very cold conference room!
- aa. Not really a low point, but more Q&A time / panel discussion could be interesting.

## A Conference high point:

- a. The presentations were on point about the experiences and what support is available for people into chemsex. It was very interactive and created the avenues for connection amongst professionals
- b. Getting a local, national, and global context of subject area
- c. The LAS & nursing perspective was excellent.
- d. All presenters and delivery materials used during session
- e. The variety of presentations and attendees and conversations had through the day
- f. Group work
- g. Fantastic speakers
- h. Presentations were all excellent
- i. Good networking
- j. Very interactive and informative
- k. Discussions at the table and meeting other colleagues across the different sectors.
- l. Group discussions, sharing of lives experiences.
- m. LAS
- n. The panel of speakers was excellent, and it was great to make some connections with delegates.
- o. It was very engaging and informative. Even though the duration was relatively long, I never got bored.
- p. Meeting and networking
- q. Ambulance service
- r. Ambulance presentation
- s. Feeling reenergised within a community of people who understand struggles and similar situations
- t. I found the format of shorter “bite-size” talks totalling no more than an hour for each session, with frequent breaks and

- opportunities to talk to speakers and other delegates was very helpful. It meant a lot more could be covered, more speakers, and much easier to remain entirely focussed as a delegate. I learned a huge amount and found the many different perspectives and service (and service user) viewpoints were informative , thought-provoking and have given me more confidence to be aware of the needs of someone engaging in chemsex, and open a discussion with them
- u. Meeting so many people from different organisations and backgrounds
- v. LAS and A&E talks
- w. Patrick and Peter (LAS). These men have inspired me so so much I will thank them with my work I do
- x. Very good and informed speaker. Was inspiring to listen to those who spoke
- y. Harm reduction
- z. Great speakers with experience!
- aa. Hearing from those working directly with those who participate in chemsex
- bb. Informative and engaging thank you
- cc. I believe all the information presented was essential and well organized. It's unfortunate that there aren't many platforms addressing issues related to chemsex, and I'm grateful that you coordinated this initiative.
- dd. Feeling connected to and inspired by others working in the same field and with similar interests
- ee. Understanding the ambulance and A&E response.
- ff. The connections made and the sense of collective responsibility fostered.

How interested are you in a series of shorter Study Days delivered around London, eg: AM: Harm Reduction, PM: Support and Treatment, with updates and specialised sessions/ topics.



Please make any further comments here:

- a. I look forward to attend more conferences and seminars by the GMHC
- b. Just a small issue, but as the room door was open, external noise hampered hearing delegates and speakers. Also , speakers tended to address the room loudly but trail off volume wise that made listening challenging. Microphones / PA might have addressed this .
- c. Greatly facilitated by Patriic
- d. Really great conference - thanks Patriic and team - well done!
- e. Very engaging; will share with substance misuse colleagues and hope to attend following events.
- f. Thank you. Very interesting & helpful as well as thought provoking.
- g. Wonderful expert knowledge all in one place.
- h. Thanks for arranging this opportunity for us all to attend
- i. Would be great to have more discussion about detox, rehab and reintegration pathways at a future event.
- j. The GMHC has really done well with organising this conference. I've gained much insight from the information received. I look forward attending further conferences
- k. Thank you
- l. I felt I was given the opportunity to contribute as well as learn. It made me think of things I'd not thought about and gave me examples of

- good practice to take back to Liverpool and Manchester with me. London may be the epicentre, but other major and minor city's and towns are rapidly catching up, a look at Grindr in these region shows how quickly and more common chemsex is, Manchester seriously isn't far behind. I remember there being a dealer of Tina in Leyland Lancashire 10 years ago as an example Ignoring or denying it won't make it go away. Disseminating lessons learnt can be adjusted to other areas of the uk ESP to those People travelling to London I feel we are missing a link by not including the role of dealers, perhaps because of criminality Whatever from the above, from someone with lived and professional interest the conference was beneficial, I sauté all involved in its delivery
- m. An excellent conference, thank you
  - n. A start on an important topic and desperately needs more contributions which I understand you tried to do, hopefully next time you will have some funding for it. It would have been useful to allocate some time to go through the points we worked through in groups
  - o. Fund GMHC! The work is outstanding
  - p. I loved this conference and at times it even brought me to tears. GMHC is doing such important work and deserves radically more funding than it receives.