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Subject: Manifesto Watch - Drugs

The Green Party

- **Repeal the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 and the Psychoactive Substances Act 2016.**
- Pardon and expunge the criminal records of all individuals previously convicted for possession and small-scale supply of drugs.
- Enable medical scientists to conduct research on psychoactive drugs to develop new treatments for mental and physical illnesses.
- **Invest in education and treat problematic drug use as a health issue, not a crime,** building on the successful approaches pioneered in numerous other countries.
- Replace the current system of prohibition with an evidence-based, **legalised, regulated system of drug control.** The production, import and supply of all drugs will be regulated according to the specific risks that they pose to the individual, to society and to the environment.
- **Make heroin available on prescription** after a medical assessment by a doctor and provide safe facilities for users who inject drugs, building on the success of **drug consumption rooms** in other countries which have encouraged more problematic drug users into treatment.
- Regulate access for adults to stimulant and psychedelic drugs based on the evidence around harm reduction through pharmacies, after a safety consultation with a qualified pharmacist, at fixed doses and fixed prices.
- **Make cannabis, labelled according to laboratory-tested strength, available to adults from licensed small businesses.** Cannabis will be sold subject to minimum unit pricing and plain packaging.
- Allow for licensed Cannabis Social Clubs where adults can collectively cultivate and consume cannabis and **allow adults to grow a limited number of cannabis plants at home.**
- Set up an independent statutory body, the Advisory Council for Drug Safety, comprised of experts, who will be responsible for monitoring patterns of drug use, advising the government on changes to regulation and sourcing socially and ecologically sustainable supplies of opium and coca from the Global South.

The Liberal Democrats

- **Move the departmental lead on drugs policy to the Department of Health and Social Care,** and, crucially, invest in more addiction services and support for drug users.

- Divert people arrested for possession of drugs for personal use into treatment, and imposing civil penalties rather than imprisonment.
- Help to break the grip of the criminal gangs **by introducing a legal, regulated market for cannabis**. We will introduce limits on the potency levels and **permit cannabis to be sold through licensed outlets to adults over the age of 18**.
- Reduce the number of people unnecessarily in prison, including by: introducing a presumption against short prison sentences; **ending prison sentences for the possession of drugs for personal use**; and increasing the use of tough community sentences and restorative justice where appropriate.

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Subject: COMMERCIAL:CAUTION: Policing Matters: Review – Monday 21 October



21 October 2019

Welcome to our summary of the events last week which may influence policing policy. This *excludes* the proposals and debates on HM The Queen's Speech, which will be the focus of a separate briefing to come.

As ever, if more information would be helpful, please don't hesitate to ask. Feedback very welcome!

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Drugs and Alcohol

The decriminalisation of possession and consumption of controlled drugs is now the official policy of the Scottish National Party (SNP). A resolution was unanimously passed at the party's conference in Aberdeen along with a call for control over drugs laws (currently set

in Westminster) to be devolved to Holyrood. There were 1,187 drug-related deaths in Scotland in 2018, three times higher than the UK as a whole.

From: Martin Powell <[REDACTED]>
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Subject: PCCs and Law Enforcement and Public Health 2019 satellite meetings

Dear Commissioner,

As you and your senior officers may be aware, this year's International Law Enforcement and Public Health conference <https://leph2019edinburgh.com/> is in the UK, in Edinburgh from 21-23rd Oct.

I have been asked to flag two smaller satellite meetings which you and other PCCs may be interested in attending - flyers attached.

The first of these includes looking at the police role in pathways to decriminalisation, and in reducing drug related deaths, including the potential of supervised **drug consumption rooms** and the use of Naloxone.

These issues are already of course on the agenda in both political and policing terms, including through the rapid increase in the use of Diversion schemes which can deliver some of the benefits countries like Portugal say they have achieved through decriminalising the possession of drugs for personal use. This meeting will be an opportunity to hear from experts from around the world on these issues, as well as to contribute your own thoughts.

The second satellite meeting is about addressing the needs of women as employees and clients in criminal justice - with more details below.

I hope you, or your representatives, will be able to attend one or both satellites even if you are not going to be at the main LEPH conference.

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Best regards,
Martin Powell
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Register now to participate in the 5th Law Enforcement & HIV Network Consultation in Edinburgh, 18-19 October Edinburgh

The Law Enforcement and HIV Network regularly holds a Consultation together with the Law Enforcement and Public Health (LEPH) Conferences. These Consultations bring together police, health agencies, NGOs and affected communities to discuss and address critical issues confronting people who use drugs and police and others working in the area. The Consultations produce outputs which are useful for education, advocacy and policy development on these issues, and are run under Chatham House Rules.

- Pathways to decriminalization, and the police role

The 5th LEAHN Consultation will address, among other topics:

- [Responses to opioid overdoses, including drug consumption rooms and naloxone availability](#)
- [Managing aggressive amphetamine-affected people](#)
- [The police role in the HIV response: International AIDS Society police brief](#)

Cost for the two days is £35, to cover catering.

You can register for the Consultation [here](#).

To register:

Select > Day delegates

Select > Satellite meetings

(If you have already registered for the main LEPH2019 conference you can modify your registration to add a satellite meeting)

The Consultation will be of interest to local members of the affected communities, policy makers, civil society organisations, academics, students and members of law enforcement agencies. [Read more](#)

Register now for the Consultation on Gender in Public Health & Safety in conjunction with LEPH2019, 18-19 October, Edinburgh

Following the popular special lunchtime session at LEPH2018 in Toronto, this year at LEPH2019 a two-day pre-conference consultation will be held on Gender in public health and safety: addressing the needs of women as employees and clients in criminal justice.

The consultation will examine local and international issues to advance progress towards achieving UN Sustainable Development Goals 5 (Gender equality) and 16 (Peace, justice & strong institutions), including how to maximise the role of women in policing and provide gender responsive services. The event is intended to be as interactive as possible and be an exchange of learning from Global North and Global South. The event will be of interest to police, researchers, civil society representatives, service providers, government representatives and people with lived experience.

The consultation will focus on multi-stakeholder collaborations and innovative approaches as well as how challenges may be overcome in implementing new approaches or policy changes which may provide useful lessons learned for other local and international contexts.

[Register here](#)

Objectives:

1. To better understand the connections between law enforcement and public health to promote gender equality and eliminate violence against women
2. To highlight the importance of embedding gender responsive and public health approaches across all areas of policing, government and community services
3. To build a supportive network to develop research, practice and collaborative leadership across LEPH issues to promote gender equality and eliminate violence against women (GLEPHA Special Interest Group (SIG) on gender)

[Read more about the 2 day Consultation here](#)

Thank you very much

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