

User groups

Below we have listed contact details for a number of user groups around the country. The services provided by each group differ. Some for instance will be able to put you in touch with prescribing services, run needle exchange schemes themselves or in conjunction with local pharmacies. Some will offer advocacy services and training (see box for an example of the services provided). However they will all give you support and direct you towards the service that can help you best. Call and find out what is on offer in your area.

SOUTH EAST

BUG (Brighton Users Group)

c/o 8 St George's Place, Brighton BN1 4GB
contact: Jo Ducker – Secretary/Chairwoman
tel: 01273 668833 direct line
email: jo@creedmanagement.co.uk

Buckinghamshire Service Users Group

c/o Bucks County Council Drug Action Team, Hampden Hall, Wendover Road, Stoke Mandeville, Aylesbury, Bucks. HP22 5TB
contact: David Vallance, Client co-ordinator
tel: 01296 387032 helpline: 08000 320 666 - 24/7
mobile/text: 07830 212281
email: drugs@buckscc.gov.uk

HUG (Hertfordshire User Group)

HUG at FOCUS, Gable House, Prince Edward Street, Berkhamsted, Hertfordshire HP4 3EZ
contact: James A Grieve and Michael Wicks
tel: 01442 874 088
email: hertsug@btconnect.com or jamesgrieve@ntlworld.com

MORPH (Mutually organised Rehabilitation & Practical Help ... for drug/alcohol users)

The Action Centre, Kingsland Sq, St Mary's Street, Southampton SO14 1NW Hampshire
contact: Simon or Sue
tel: (023) 8021 6009/6
email: morphin@southamptonvs.org.uk
website: www.morph-uk.org

OUT (Oxfordshire User Team)

Unit 8, Standingford House, Cave Street, Oxford OX4 1EJ
contacts: Glenda Daniels, Service Co-ordinator, Gavin Rogers Harm Reduction Worker
tel: 01865 20911, 07986816955

RUF (Reading User Forum)

The Centre, Bowman House, 2-10 Bridge Street, Reading

RG1 2LU

contact: John Howard
tel: 07708757416
email: ruf@sent.com

STUMPED

Stumped Support Group, Britannia Enterprise Centre, Waterworks Road, Hastings TN34 1RT
contact: Tony Jordan
tel: 01424 425 224
helpline: 0781 7986589
email: stumped@fsmail.net

SUIS (Surrey User Involvement Service)

contact: Nicky Drayton
tel: 014834 50372, 07905375147
email: nickydrayton@hotmail.co.uk

SOUTH WEST

Bournemouth Alcohol and Group Service User Forum

29a Alma Road, Winton BH9 1AB
tel: 01202 535748, 07786166120

Service User Group, Community Drug and Alcohol Service

Rock Hall, 34 Oldfield Rd, Bath BA2 3ND
contact: Tim Phillips
tel: 01225 359 900

Triads group

contact: Dean Harrison
Flat 3, 20 Hatfield Road, Torquay, Devon TQ1 3BP
tel: 01803 201866, (m) 07980 045191
email: choonmaster7@hotmail.com

T&SH (Teignbridge and South Hams) group Newton Abbot

contact at present: Gill Unstead
01392 687177
email: gill.unstead@middevon-pct.nhs.uk

Catch 22 (Exeter East and Mid Devon) Group

contact: Mic, tel: 07958 516569

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North Devon group

North Devon
contact at present: Gill Unstead
tel: 01392 687177
email: gill.unstead@middevon-
pct.nhs.uk

NORTH EAST

FOCUS

Room 306, Aidan House,
Sunderland Rd, Gateshead NE8
3HU
contact: David Brady
tel: 0191 478 8432 or 8433 or 8434
email:
david.brady@ghpct.nhs.uk

South Tyneside Advocacy Group

Wyvestow Lodge, 2 Sunderland
Road, Shields, Tyne and Wear
NE33 4UR
contact: Sharyn Charlton
tel 0191 4967963
mobile: 07795542282 (members
take turns in having the mobile so
there will be different contacts)

NORTH WEST

Coming Clean Users Group

Barrow in Furness
contact: Martin on 01229 585635
and ask for Maggie

CUSH Carlisle Users Self Help

Carlisle
contact: Catriona on 01768 214855
and ask for Paul

Users 4 Users

Kendal
contact: Martin on 01229 585635
and ask for Alan

US User Support

Workington drop-in
contact: Val on 01900 68981 and
ask for the User Support number

Warrington Service user Group

51-53 Bewsey Street, Warrington
WA2 7JQ
tel: 01925 445290
email:
warringtonusergroup@yahoo.co.uk

EAST OF ENGLAND

User Active Peterborough and
Fenland Service User Forum
c/o David Griffin
Peterborough CDT, 62 Lincoln
Road, Peterborough PE1 2SN
tel: 0786 8635326
email: davidgriffin@ntlworld.com

YORKSHIRE AND HUMBER

Scarborough Users Forum (Scuf)
c/o The Cambridge Centre, Alma
Square, Scarborough YO11 1JR
contact: Ashley Robinson
tel: 01723 367475 ext 34 helpline
number as above (unofficial); out
of hours 07771 588187 (unofficial)
email: ashrob@gmail.com

WEST MIDLANDS

Shropshire Service User Group
5 Claremont Building, Claremont
Bank, Shrewsbury, Shropshire SY1
1RJ
contact: Abigail Butters
tel: 01743 342164 Mobile:
0776987035
email: haveyoursay@shropshire-
rcc.org.uk

WOMEN ONLY USER GROUPS

SOUTH EAST

Brighton Women Oasis Project
22 Richmond Place, Brighton BN2
9NA
contact: Sarah Weston
tel: 01273 604 246
email:
sara.weston@brightonoasisproject
.co.uk

NORTH EAST

The C.U.T (Consultation South Users Team)

Wyvestow Lodge, 2 Sunderland
Road, South Shields, Tyne and
Wear NE33 4UR
contact: Sharyn Charlton
tel: 0191 4967963 mobile 0779
554 2282
email: advocaygroupsouth
tyneside@fsmail.net

MAGAZINES

Black Poppy Publications, PO Box 33033, London W9 3LT

tel: 020 77294983, fax: 020
77293613
email:
blackpoppy@btconnect.com

The Users Voice is the magazine of The John Mordaunt Trust (JMT)

contact: Andrea
tel: 07841 433187
website: www.usersvoice.org.uk

OUT (Oxfordshire User Team)

OUT work with current and ex
Class A drug users aged 18 and
over

- needle exchange. The service is run from 9-5pm Monday-Friday. OUT provides spoons and filters that are not provided in the basic SWOP packs available
- advocacy service for users in Oxfordshire on: prescribing issues, residential rehab funding and discharge problems, users rights to quick, humane, client centred treatment can all be advocated for housing issues, complaints regarding drug treatment, drug services, criminal justice services, DTOO and DIP
- peer-led hepatitis C workshop in the community in Oxfordshire, OUTLIVE hepatitis C. Users receive £10 to attend these sessions.
- overdose prevention and response workshops in conjunction with the Oxfordshire Ambulance Trust. Attendees receive £20 to come along to these sessions
- hepatitis C support Group. Regularly attended by a hepatitis C specialist who is there to offer advice
- run volunteer scheme to give users/ex users the chance to get ahead in the drug treatment field and to prepare them for the world of work in this field, if that is what they want to get into.

