

Newsletter



## REVISED GUIDE DOCUMENTS HEALTH EFFECTS OF DRUGS

An updated [guide](#) summarising the health harms of drug and alcohol misuse is available, aimed at supporting non-medical practitioners working with substance misuse issues.

'A summary of the health harms of drugs' updates the 2003 'Dangerousness of Drugs' guide, outlining acute and chronic problems associated with each substance. Find out more [here](#).

## DRUG DEATHS FALL FOR SECOND SUCCESSIVE YEAR

Official figures have recorded a 6% fall in the number of deaths related to drug misuse in England, from 1731 in 2009 to 1625 in 2010. This is the second successive annual reduction and means the latest total for England is once again lower than the 1697 recorded in 2001. Read more [here](#).

## NTA REBUTS REHAB ARTICLE

Paul Hayes has written a letter in response to the article 'Rehab needs a fix', which appeared in The Independent on 3 August. The paper published an edited version of this letter on 17 August, but you can read the full text [here](#).

## HAVE YOUR SAY ON NDTMS CHANGE PROPOSALS

The NTA is proposing a number of changes to the content and format of the annual National Drug Treatment Monitoring System (NDTMS) statistics report for 2010-11. Comments and responses from the treatment sector are welcome, with a deadline of 7 September. Find out more [here](#).

### Useful Links

- [Rehab Online](#)
- [Drug Strategy](#)