

PAYMENT BY RESULTS UPDATE

The Drug Strategy sets out an ambition to explore how to use Payment by Results (PBR) to incentivise the drug treatment system to improve delivery of recovery outcomes. The proposal to develop a PBR drug recovery pilot programme was approved by the Government and is being overseen by a steering group of officials from five government departments and the NTA.

The steering group agreed a two-stage process: first we need to work through local partnerships because they hold the local budgets and contracts, and their involvement is essential to ensure that the pilot schemes meet local need. After this, service providers will be brought in by the partnerships which are running the pilots. The essence of the PBR scheme is to put providers at the centre of the process, freeing them to be more innovative, attracting new providers to the market and giving them more financial autonomy.

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NTA STAKEHOLDER SEMINAR



The treatment field welcomes the focus on recovery in the new Drug Strategy but is worried about the implications of localism and the impact of introducing payment by results. That was the message from a seminar hosted by the NTA to discuss the way forward for treatment services in the run-up to the establishment of Public Health England in 2012.

[More information](#)

News in brief

Information request from EMCDDA

The EMCDDA is preparing a thematic paper to highlight key issues from the perspective of people who are attempting to reduce their drug, cigarette and alcohol consumption or overcome their dependence. View [further information](#) on how to contribute.

Advice for drug workers on drug users and employment

The NTA and JCP have published [guidance](#) to support drug users in gaining employment.

EMPLOYMENT AND HOUSING: RESOURCE PACK AVAILABLE



A housing and employment resource pack to supplement the 2009 needs assessment guidance and interim treatment planning guidance for 2011/12 is now available.

[More information](#)

Useful Links

- [Guardian Microsite](#)
- [DDN SU Directory](#)
- [Rehab Online](#)
- [Drug Strategy](#)
- [Public White Health](#)

DRUG RELATED DEATHS: SETTING UP A LOCAL REVIEW PROCESS



The NTA has published (5 January 2011) an updated guide on setting up a local review process into drug-related deaths.

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[Paper](#)

- [Cannabis - What's the Harm \(BBC3\)](#)
- [Skills Consortium](#)