

## DOCTORS URGED TO REVIEW DRUG PATIENTS TO ENSURE THEY ARE WORKING TO ACHIEVE RECOVERY

Treatment for heroin addiction should have more focus on supporting patients to recover from their dependency, says the country's top addictions expert.

In an interim report for the National Treatment Agency (NTA), Professor John Strang, head of the National Addiction Centre, signals the direction of new clinical guidance for treating the estimated 260,000 heroin addicts in England. [Read more.](#)

## RECOVERY TAKES FLIGHT IN EASTERN REGION



The skies above Cambridge were filled with messages of hope and inspiration as the end of recovery month saw more than 60 representatives from service providers, partnerships and service user groups come together to release purple balloons with personal messages of recovery.

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## 'RECOVERY IS CONTAGIOUS'



Last month, Katie Thomson became the Eastern Region's Best Recovery Champion – an accolade bestowed on her at the first-ever regional recovery awards. Over 50 nominations were received for people, projects and services in the East of England helping former addicts to live drug-free lives.

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## SUPPORTING RECOVERY IN THE COMMUNITY- A PHARMACY PERSPECTIVE



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