

COV/STG/20/03 - Managed alcohol programmes: Implementation of a novel intervention to help prevent infection (Covid-19) for people experiencing alcohol dependency and homelessness

People who are homeless are particularly negatively affected by Covid-19. Self-isolation is impossible if you are living on the streets. Common health conditions such as respiratory disease creates increased risk of death. Those who also experience alcohol dependence are at even greater risk: they continue to need alcohol to prevent withdrawal leading to serious health problems or death. Individuals feel compelled to leave residences to get alcohol if they are housed, breaking lockdowns. This study examines whether Managed Alcohol Programmes (MAPs) prevent infection/reduce spread from Covid-19 for people experiencing homelessness and problem alcohol use in Scotland.