



**SERVICE DESCRIPTION:** Drugs Service

The Drugs Service offers assessment, support and interventions to people using any non-opiate drug. Non-Opiates is a term used to describe all drugs other than opiate based drugs like heroin or codeine, for example, cannabis, amphetamines, steroids, cocaine and crack cocaine and new psychoactive substances (or 'legal highs'). The Service operates from Sidney Street in the city centre and also provides outreach in other services and communities across the city.

**ADDRESS:** 44 Sidney Street (Matilda Street entrance), Sheffield S1 4RH

**DIRECTORATE:** Specialist Directorate

**DATE:** October 2015

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## 1. ELIGIBILITY

The selection criteria for the above Service are applicable to:

- All adults irrespective of gender, age (18 years of age or over), ethnicity, sexuality, culture or physical abilities;
- Individuals requiring harm reduction healthcare advice and treatment as a result of their drug use. This may be:
  - screening and/or vaccination for blood borne viruses;
  - wound care treatment;
  - general health checks;
  - sexual health advice and treatment;
  - minor illness assessment;
  - overdose awareness and prevention advice.
- The service works citywide from various outreach locations as well as the Fitzwilliam Centre city centre base.

## 2. THE REFERRAL PROCESS

Individuals can self-refer either by telephoning for an appointment or by drop-in to Sidney Street. Individuals who self-refer by drop-in will be assessed there and then. A referral can also be made by any professional such as a GP, social worker, pharmacist or probation worker.

## 3. GEOGRAPHICAL POPULATION COVERED

- The registered populations of NHS Sheffield Clinical Commissioning Group;
- People without settled accommodation who are resident in Sheffield.