

You are invited to the launch of Public Health England's latest edition of

Healthmatters

Preventing drug misuse deaths

Telephone conference and question and answer session (dial-in details below)

Wednesday 1 March 2017, 2.15pm – 3.00pm

Deaths caused by drug misuse are rising in England. Many are associated with long-term heroin use and with the availability of heroin but there are multiple and complex causes behind this disturbing trend. They occur across different age groups, and from different types of drug. There is also considerable regional variation. Until we are better able to meet the needs of older heroin users and address the factors that lead to increased numbers of deaths in emerging risk groups, all the evidence suggests that drug misuse deaths will continue to rise.

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Please join our Chief Executive, Duncan Selbie, for the launch of this latest edition of Health Matters. He will be joined by Rosanna O'Connor, Director of Alcohol, Drugs & Tobacco at Public Health England.

Why you should attend: This teleconference will outline how commissioners and providers can ensure the capacity and quality of drug treatment services are maintained, and drug users' access to wider healthcare is improved, in order to prevent further increases in drug misuse deaths. It will be relevant to local authorities, NHS service providers, health and wellbeing boards, public health professionals, CCGs, pharmacists, social care professionals and the voluntary sector.

RSVP: Please email us at healthmatters@phe.gov.uk to register for the teleconference (with name, organisation and job title) and you will receive supporting materials on 1 March, prior to the call.

Dial-in details:

Please dial in 10 minutes prior to start time, using the number and conference code below:

National free phone – United Kingdom: 0800 358 6377

Local call rate: +44 (0)330 336 9105

Conference code: 2963060

We hope you will be able to join us. Do please forward this email to colleagues who you think may also wish to attend. For more information on Health Matters contact healthmatters@phe.gov.uk To sign up to our Health Matters E Bulletin click [here](#).