

What We Heard

About SUPERVISED CONSUMPTION SITES KEY MESSAGES from an end-of-grant workshop



People must have access to basic health and social services including food, clothing and shelter.

Supervised inhalation services

Many people prefer inhalation, but few sites support this method of consumption. Supervised inhalation services may save lives.



It is critical to listen to people who use drugs and swiftly adapt to the changing realities of how drugs are used, and which services are required where.

Access



The COVID-19 pandemic resulted in substances being consumed in isolation, causing people to be more vulnerable to harms.

Contaminated supply



The COVID-19 pandemic increased contamination in the drug supply, leading to more overdoses and more deaths.

Listen to the experts



People who use drugs and frontline staff should be involved in planning and making decisions.

Staff support



Staff should be adequately supported to avoid burning out. This includes paid sick leave, grief support and training opportunities.

Read more: <https://cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/53469.html>