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Programme	
1.30pm	<p>Welcome</p> <p>Chair: Dr Aileen O’Gorman, Programme Leader: Contemporary Drug and Alcohol Studies, University of the West of Scotland</p> <p>Head of drug and alcohol studies at UWS. Leads a programme of applied social research exploring the relationship between drug use problems and social and health inequalities, and investigating the broader social, structural and policy contexts of drug-related harms and deaths particularly of women.</p>
	<p>Session 1</p>
Speaker and Bio	Presentation title and information
<p>Claire Longmuir, Policy and Practice Lead for Harm Reduction, Simon Community Scotland</p> <p>Simon Community Scotland is the largest provider of homelessness services in Scotland with an aim to combat the causes and effects of homelessness.</p> <p>Claire is responsible for building on and embedding harm reduction across all Simon Community Scotland's Services. This includes leading a harm reduction approach, delivering staff training and working alongside people who use the services to understand what they need to stay safe and well.</p>	<p>Policy into practice - reducing harm in homelessness</p> <p>This presentation will focus on the policy changes that have been implemented in Simon Community Scotland to tackle drug related deaths and harms for the people we support. Claire will also talk about how they have embedded harm reduction across services and the learning gained in supporting women, the importance of relational and trauma informed approaches to reduce stigma and building relationships through delivering harm reduction intervention which meet women where they are at.</p>
<p>Catriona Matheson, Freelance Consultant Researcher and Professor (part-time) in Substance Use, University of Stirling</p> <p>Catriona has worked as a researcher in drug service delivery for almost 30 years. This work has focussed specifically on people involved in transactional sex who use drugs. She undertook work in partnership with SDF with the aim of informing training for services.</p>	<p>Vulnerability and Risk of Harm for Women who use drugs and are engaged in transactional sex: Implications for services</p> <p>In the presentation Catriona will outline the experiences of women and reflect on the implications and learning for a range of services across sexual health, drug treatment and other support services.</p> <p>Click here to read the published research - Vulnerability, Risk and Harm for People Who Use Drugs and Are Engaged in Transactional Sex: Learning for Service Delivery</p>

	<p>Dr Alison Scott, consultant gynaecologist in sexual health and clinical lead for services for socially excluded women (WISHES). Deputy Director of Edinburgh Medical School and Head of Student wellbeing.</p>	<p>Women's Health Plan for Scotland</p> <p>Dr Scott was part of the Women's Health Plan and chaired the sexual health subgroup of this. She is honoured to be part of something which will shape and change the practice of medicine for women. She is passionate about inclusivity and ensuring that all voices are heard, especially those who feel unable to speak or who have too many other pressures in life that they don't have energy to input. The pandemic has shone a light on socially excluded people and we need to learn that not everyone can access healthcare equally and ensure that things change so that everyone is able to get the care in particular working to their priorities and not making them fit in with service priorities. Healthcare does not however provide health. Health is a much bigger and complex picture.</p> <p>Click here to read The Women's Health Plan</p>
	Q&A	
	Breakout Rooms	
	Feedback	
	Break	
3:25pm	Welcome back	
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	Session 2	
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	<p>Hannah Boyle, Women's Harm Reduction Coordinator, Simon Community Scotland</p> <p>Within her role Hannah leads on the digital harm reduction programme for women living in their residential services, supporting them to get digitally connected and co-produce harm reduction resources for women who use drugs. The hope is that these resources will allow women to share their expertise and knowledge with the aim to prevent drug-related harm.</p>	<p>For Women, By Women: Co-producing digital harm reduction resources for women who use drugs</p> <p>Within the presentation, Hannah will outline the 'A Digital Approach to Harm Reduction' project and reflect on its origins. She will discuss the learning gained from working closely to co-produce resources alongside women who use drugs, reflecting on the common barriers women are facing and the importance of women being able to take control of their narratives and present these in a way that works for them. We will also hear directly from some of the women involved in the project on what it means to them to participate.</p>
	<p>Jie, Peer Expert for Harm Reduction Simon Community Scotland</p>	<p>Jie will share her experiences of living in several homeless accommodations as a woman who uses drugs and will reflect on the different approaches these services had towards harm reduction.</p>

	<p>Janice Abbott, Chief Executive Officer, Atira Women's Resource Society, Vancouver, Canada</p> <p>Janice Abbott has been the CEO of Atira Women's Resource Society since 1992 during which time she has led the Society through its incredible growth from a single transition house located south of Vancouver with a staff of seven, to a large multi-service agency with two, for-profit subsidiaries, development and arts arms, and more than 1400 staff. All of Janice's work is organized around and inspired by her passion to support women and children marginalized by their experiences of both structural and interpersonal violence, their struggles with substance use, and with their mental/spiritual wellness.</p> <p>Find out more about Atira at https://atira.bc.ca/</p>	<p>SisterSpace & SisterSquare, women-only safe consumption sites</p> <p>In the early 90s, Atira began to acknowledge the relationship between women's experiences of gender-based violence and their use of substances; understanding also the intersections between women's experience of violence, poverty, racism, gendered patterns of drug use/harms, and lack of support for mothering. This understanding led us to ensure all of Atira's residential and non-residential spaces were accessible to women who use. Then, after years of lobbying, in 2017, Atira opened the first women-only overdose prevention site, SisterSpace. Now SisterSpace and its related outdoor program SisterSquare, provide women who use substances with safe and supportive environments where they can use in the presence of peer support workers who are trained in overdose response. Atira believe in creating respectful, reciprocal relationships with women; recognizing women as the experts in their own lives and trying to create space and provide information that empowers them to make decisions about whether or not to make changes in their lives and what kinds of changes. This talk will focus on how the need for safe women-only space led them on the journey to open each of these programs, and what has been learned.</p>
	Q&A	
4:45pm	Chairs Closing Remarks	

*Speakers subject to change