

DRUG CONSUMPTION ROOMS (DCR)

HISTORY



The 1st DCR was established in Berne 1986

There are over 110 DCRs worldwide

DCRs aim to reduce: deaths, BBV transmissions & public harm

FACTS



DCRs enable people who use drugs to consume substances in a supervised and hygienic environment

DCRs tend to provide a variety of services such as BBV testing, access to treatment & harm reduction interventions

BENEFITS



Many areas report significant decrease in drug litter on the streets since the opening of a DCR

Some areas where a DCR is open have reported a decrease in ambulance call outs to deal with overdoses

CONCERNS?



DCRs are established in locations of significant need such as areas with high levels of street drug use

DCRs are built on strong partnerships, especially with the Police, to help deal with anti-social behaviours

WALES



On a survey based on 268 responses, 97% support the establishment of a DCR in Wales

Calls from bereaved parents who have lost a son or daughter to a drug overdose, have called for DCRs to be established in Wales