

Of the 1 million people aged between 16 and 65 who are alcohol dependent in England, only about 6% per year receive treatment...

alcohol misuse is under-identified

by health and social care professionals, leading to

missed opportunities to provide effective interventions

NICE, 2011

According to national prevalence figures, in **Sheffield** we have **93,000 increased risk** drinkers, **57,000 high risk** drinkers, **9,000 dependent** drinkers and **126,000 binge** drinkers.

How do we help universal services and individuals to be identified and offered interventions and access to appropriate, local support services?

LAS&R

Local Addiction Screening & Referral

Providing a digital platform for interventions to minimise long term harm for individuals and society...

The tool has been developed by the Sheffield Treatment and Recovery Team (START) in Sheffield Health & Social Care NHS Trust, and is currently used by universal services in Sheffield to:

- Quickly screen for problematic substance use using validated tools
- Engage end users with easy to use and visual format
- Refer to appropriate support services online immediately after screening with service user's consent
- Print or email personalised brief advice to service users
- Quickly copy results of the screening into your own service user/care records
- Support the Making Every Contact Count (MECC) agenda

Having recently incorporated a drug screening tool into our latest rollout, we are currently developing the business case for the next version of LAS&R - looking to increase the range of addictions, screening tools and pathways available; develop targeted and self-screening capabilities and deliver improved, innovative, engaging design and technology.

