



**Service User
Information Leaflet**

Northumberland Recovery Partnership (NRP)

The Northumberland Recovery Partnership (NRP) is a dedicated service for anyone in Northumberland experiencing problems with drugs and alcohol. We are here to help you get well and stay well. We believe recovery from addiction and substance misuse is possible for everyone, and we're here to help you achieve it. Our aim is to make recovery a reality in Northumberland – whether you're dealing with problematic drug or alcohol use or helping support others that are.

We offer the following support which is tailored to help you on your recovery journey:

- Harm reduction – safer injecting support and needle exchanges
- Abstinence programmes – group and community-based 12 step programmes
- Medical support including prescription of substitute medications and supporting detoxification programmes
- A dedicated Recovery Co-ordinator to motivate and support you through every stage of your recovery journey
- Recovery support – ongoing services to help with your next steps into employment, housing and health

How can NRP help me?

Whatever your experience and whatever stage you're at, we can help you plan a route towards recovery and well-being. We can work with anyone from Northumberland who is registered with a GP and is 18 years old or over and wants support.

NRP is here for anyone who:

- Worries about their drinking or drug use
- Feels their drinking or drug use is out of control and affects their life
- Needs help to build links with other agencies because of medical or mental health problems because of their drinking or drug use
- Thinks their drinking or drug use could be having negative effects on them as an individual or their family and friends
- Has been directed to us from Criminal Justice System

How do I access NRP?

There are two main ways to access the service. You can either contact us directly yourself, or you can ask your GP or another professional to make a referral for you. To do this you need to ring **01670 798 280**

We can also take referrals from carers of people experiencing problems with drugs and alcohol with their consent. We have bases in Ashington, Blyth and Berwick.

What happens next?

Once we've taken your name and contact details you'll then be contacted by one of our Recovery Co-ordinators to arrange an initial appointment. The Recovery Co-ordinators provide one to one support to help you build a Personal Recovery Plan which addresses your short-term and longer-term recovery needs. They'll stay with you throughout the recovery journey, providing help and support at each stage along the way.

Medical Services

- Specialist prescribing and detoxification treatments, including managed maintenance and reduction plans

Harm Reduction

- Blood Borne Virus screening and immunisation, needle exchanges and safer injecting support

Abstinence-Based Recovery Programmes

- 12 step community-based support focused on sustained abstinence from drugs or alcohol
- Counselling and behavioural therapies
- Support from a community of local peers in recovery

Ongoing Recovery Support

- Practical support and advice for day-to-day needs including housing, volunteering, employment and training
- Recovery check ups and relapse prevention and support

Whether you use some of these services or all of them your Recovery Co-ordinator will also provide access to:

- Motivation support and interventions
- Interventions to help you change problematic behaviours
- Family and friends support programmes
- Peer support from Recovery Peer Mentors with their own experience of recovery from addiction

Interpreters and accessibility

If you would like an interpreter, staff will be able to help you to get one.

What if I have a comment, suggestion, compliment or complaint about the service?

If you want to make a comment, suggestion, compliment or complaint you can:

- talk to the people directly involved in your care
- ask a member of staff for a feedback form, or complete a form on the Trust website www.cntw.nhs.uk (click on the 'Contact Us' tab)
- telephone the Complaints Department Tel: 0191 245 6672
- We are always looking at ways to improve services. Your feedback allows us to monitor the quality of our services and act upon issues that you bring to our attention. You can provide feedback in the following ways:
 - the quickest way for you to do this is to complete our short online survey at www.cntw.nhs.uk/poy
 - complete a Points of You survey, available from staff.

Useful contacts

- **Narcotics Anonymous**
Tel: 0300 999 12 12 (24 hour, 7 days a week)
- **Families Anonymous**
Tel: 0845 1200 660 (weekdays 1pm-4pm and 6pm-10pm, weekends 2pm-10pm). Provides support for friends and family.
- **Alcoholics Anonymous**
Tel: 0800 9177 650 (24 hour, 7 days a week)
- **Al-anon**
Tel: 0800 0086 811 (10am-10pm 365 days a year)
- **Northumberland Carers Centre**
Tel: 01670 320 025 (Mon-Thurs 9am-5pm, Fri 9am-4.30pm)
- **Samaritans**
Tel: 116 123 (24 hour, 365 days a year)

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