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## **Novel Psychoactive Substance (NPS) use and its consequences**

**Thursday 3 November 2016, 12.45pm – 4.30pm**

The Core, Science Central, Bath Lane, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE4 5TF

Novel Psychoactive Substances (also known as 'legal highs' or NPS) are popular across most of the UK. However, the speed of change in this drug market and an increase in reported associated harms means that they are of concern to local, regional and national bodies.



This **half day event** presents emerging **research** around the area of NPS and connects with best practice across different service providers. Focus will be on the impact of NPS on the police service, the toxicology of NPS, and the effects on service users and providers. Challenges and future directions will be discussed at this event.

The event will be an opportunity for those working in public health, academia and social care to discuss and consider how they can work more effectively together on this important topic.

**Opening the event:** Professor Eugene Milne – the Director of Public Health in Newcastle Local Authority.

### **Guest speakers include:**

- **Prof. Simon Thomas**, Newcastle University – *'Identification Of Novel psychoActive substances (IONA)'*
- **Dr. Michelle Addison**, Will McGovern and Dr. Kelly Stockdale, Newcastle University – *'Exploring impact and consequences of NPS for police staff and NPS users'*
- **Kieran Platts**, Youth Homelessness North East – *'NPS and operational delivery of services for homeless young people'*
- **Lorna Smith**, Public Health England – *'Evidence led approach - key messages and practice among services'*
- **Christopher Strachan**, Service User: *'NPS as a lived experience'*
- **Chief Inspector Lisa Hogan**, Northumbria Police – Closing Remarks

Booking is **FREE**, please sign up here:

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