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Articles

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Alcohol-related harm to others in England: a cross-sectional analysis of national survey data.
[Conclusions: This exploratory study, using data collected through the Alcohol Toolkit Survey, shows that AHTO affects 20.1% of the population of England. Even apparently minor harms, like being kept awake, can have a negative impact on health, while aggressive harms are clearly of concern. Using a standard methodology to measure harm across studies would be advantageous. Policies that focus on alcohol must take into consideration the impact of drinking on those other than the drinker.]

Glucocorticosteroids for people with alcoholic hepatitis.
Pavlov CS. Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews 2019;4:CD001511.
[Alcoholic hepatitis is a form of alcoholic liver disease characterised by steatosis, necroinflammation, fibrosis, and complications to the liver. Alcoholic hepatitis can be resolved if people abstain from drinking, but the risk of death will depend on the severity of the liver damage and abstinence from alcohol. Glucocorticosteroids have been studied extensively in randomised clinical trials to assess their benefits and harms. However, the results have been contradictory.]

Evidence Searches

Substance misuse in supported accommodation.
Carried out by Lisa Burscheidt from Aubrey Keep on 10/5/2019
[Results include resources on managing drugs in supported accommodation. The most comprehensive resources is a project evaluation from the Gateway Programme, which restructured the service, encouraged openness about drug use, and adapted service offer to better fit clients’ needs as a response to seeing more and more clients with substance misuse issues. Also includes guidance for Housing First workers, which could be adapted to those working in other types of supported living situations.]

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