

Harm Reduction and Supporting Students: Our Commitment



The wellbeing, health and safety of our students are of upmost importance to Keele University, Keele SU and Keele Postgraduate Association and so we work in partnership to deliver an institutional harm reduction approach to managing student alcohol and substance use.

Our [Joint Approach to Substance Misuse](#) sets out our commitment to focus on educating and supporting students who may be vulnerable to substance misuse, whilst also helping students to understand the wider implications of misuse. We are committed to:

- Leading services to ensure a proactive approach is taken to supporting students with substance related issues.
- Delivering a joined-up approach with internal stakeholders and external drug support agencies to help drive an ongoing commitment and focus of early intervention and support regard to drugs and substance misuse.
- Ensuring that the University and Students' Unions are proactive with regard to setting policy and procedures (including site specific restrictions and processes as appropriate) alongside available support services and referral procedures available for dealing with student drug related issues.
- Ensuring that the University educates and trains staff about substance misuse to best understand student support needs and appropriate referral pathways.
- Working towards achieving student compliance with the relevant discipline regulations and encouraging responsible and respectful behaviour towards our neighbours both on campus (in halls of residence) and in the local community.

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Signed May 2024

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