



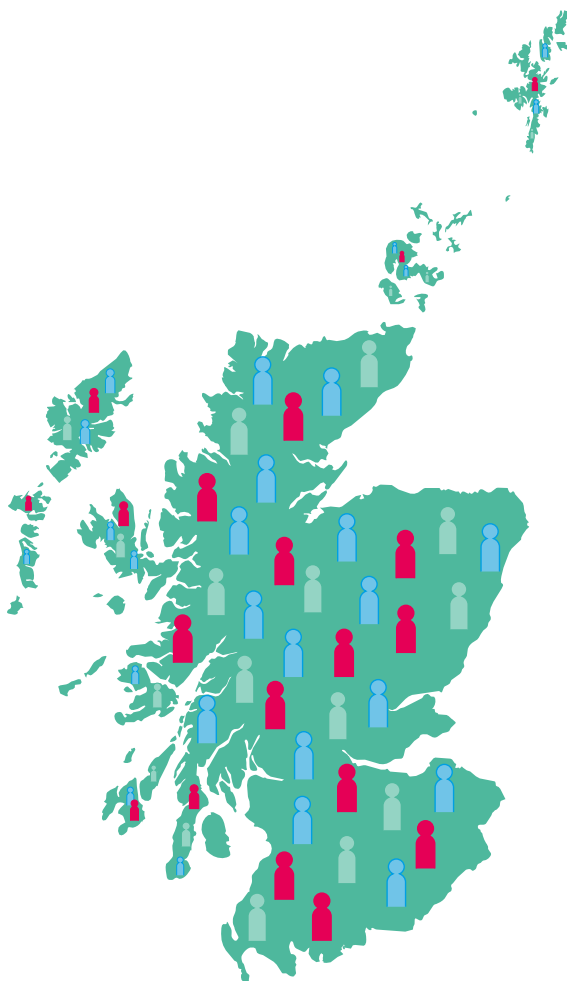
National Collaborative Call for Evidence - Analysis Report Summary

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October 2023



The National Collaborative asked people affected by substance use, and people who support them, about their human rights.



From May – August 2023, 650 people from across Scotland took part.

What people said



Stigma makes it harder for people to get support.



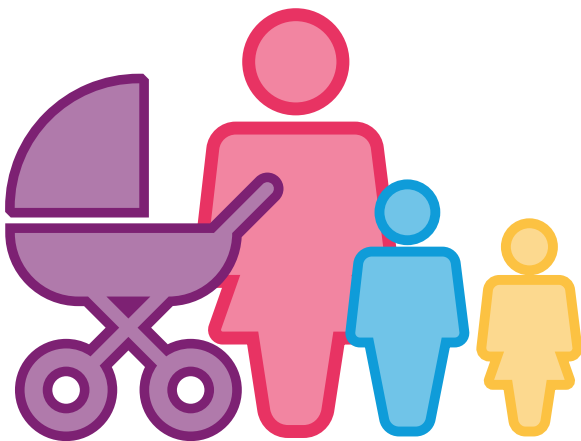
Many people don't know what their human rights are, or where to get help.



Services aren't always open when people need them. Travelling to services can also be difficult.



Making a complaint is difficult. There is not enough information. People worry they will be treated differently if they complain.



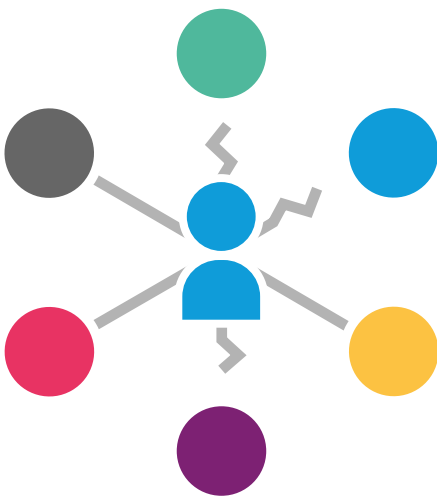
Women with children worry they will have their children taken away if they ask for help.



Involvement of families is improving in some areas, but needs to improve more.



People often need help to get support. This is sometimes called 'Advocacy'.

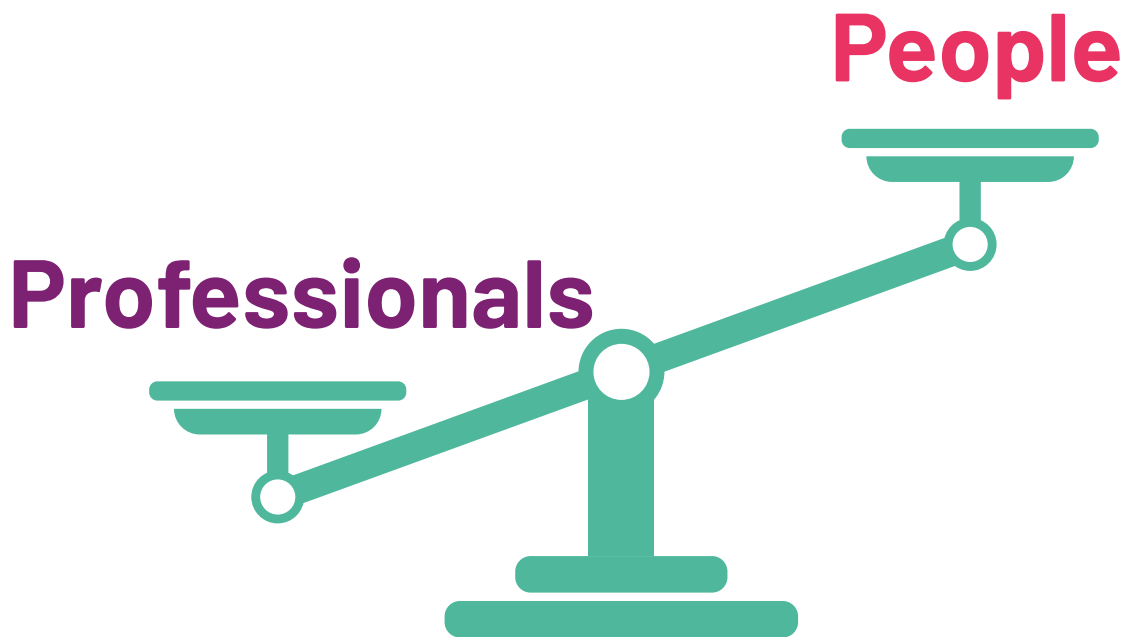


Services need to work together to support people.

Getting help with mental health when using substances is sometimes difficult.



More money should be spent on preventing people getting unwell.




Professionals sometimes judge people who are using substances.

**THANK
YOU**

Thank you to everyone that took part and answered questions.

What now?



We will use what we have heard to write a 'Charter of Rights' for people affected by substance use.

There is a new law about human rights coming to Parliament soon. The Charter of Rights will help people affected by substance use know their human rights. We will ask people what they think about the Charter of Rights in 2024.



For more information you can read the full report
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