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| |  | | --- | | **IMPORTANT: High Purity Heroin Alert!**  Police have analysed a single deal of heroin powder seized from the Blackpool area which was found to have a diamorphine content of 71%, which is significantly higher than the norm. Coincidentally the powder was very pale beige in colour.   Please share with immediate effect.  **Addiction to Recovery Networking Event 12th Sept @ Blackpool Zoo**    Many thanks to all of you who have registered your attendance. Ahead of Thursday's meeting we have drawn up an [**agenda**](https://gallery.mailchimp.com/5c56524dfdec316af6b7c616b/files/12f3dc99-384d-49d7-93e8-c37567f81a52/SMisuse_agenda_12_9_19.docx) for your reference, however no need to print it off as it will be provided on the day.  Also, Darren Brooks our event facilitator has provided some amazing stories of people and their families, after coming through Horizon substance misuse service in Blackpool to achieve a life worth living. Click [**here**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b9dfXfKSugI) to watch the inspiring work that is being done in Blackpool.  Other Graduation Ceremonies held in Blackpool can be found by following the "Badkamra" link on YouTube.  If you are interested in coming and haven't yet done so, please book your place [**here**](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/blackpool-wyre-and-fylde-frontline-network-addiction-to-recovery-event-tickets-67731240965?aff=ebdssbdestsearch) and we look forward to seeing you!  **Can you influence Government Decision Making? Frontline Worker Survey: Government Consultation to Remove Section 21 of The Housing Act 1988 (no fault eviction)**    This month the Frontline Network are submitting written evidence to the Government's consultation proposing to repeal Section 21 of the Housing Act 1988 – the no-fault eviction notice, and [**we are seeking your views**](https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/G2FYPS8) on the Government's plan to remove Section 21 of the Housing Act 1988.  [**Please complete this five-minute survey**](https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/G2FYPS8) **by 14th September**, so that your expert views form a key part of our written evidence, to positively influence the Government’s decision. We are eager to ensure your voice is fully represented within our submission.  We are also collecting views from the frontline in relation to this matter on Twitter.  Please tweet your experiences and tell us whether you think Section 21 should be repealed, using the hashtag **#FrontlineS21.**  The end of a private tenancy is the single leading cause of homelessness across England. We believe it is vitally important to engage with this consultation, to explain why landlords should no longer be able to evict tenants at short notice without good reason.  Thank you in advance for taking the time to complete this [**survey**](https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/G2FYPS8) – the Frontline Network is only as strong as the frontline workers that make it, so the more people that take part, the stronger we become.  If you have any questions regarding the Survey, please don't hesitate to get in touch at frontline@stmartinscharity.org.uk  **Homelessness Reduction Act (HRA) - Call for Evidence**    On the 9th September, the Coventry Frontline Network held a consultation to feed in frontline views of the HRA into a national call for evidence. If you would like to contribute your experiences to ensure that the HRA legislation works effectively, please see here for the link to the [**Government website**](https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/homelessness-reduction-act-2017-call-for-evidence) with further information on this call. The [**online consultation**](https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/homelessnessreductionactreview) closes on **14th October at 11:45am.**      **Shelter Report - From the Frontline - The Ongoing Impact of Welfare Reform**  *"The consequences of the broken housing safety net are laid bare in our new report,* [***From the Frontline***](https://england.shelter.org.uk/professional_resources/policy_and_research/policy_library/policy_library_folder/report_from_the_frontline)*. This shines a light on the thousands of people we help every year who are being pushed to the point of crisis due to the continued impact of welfare reform and the introduction of Universal Credit (UC)".*  They have also added a [**blog**](https://blog.shelter.org.uk/2019/08/from-the-frontline-the-ongoing-impact-of-welfare-reform/) about this that makes quite an interesting read.    **Centrepoint Campaign: UK Government - Make Sure that Universal Credit Covers the Real Cost of Renting for Young People**  A hidden crisis is unfolding. Thousands of vulnerable young people are facing homelessness - unable to find anywhere to live and being forced to sleep on a friend’s sofa, night bus or even the streets.  When young people aren’t able to find a job, or rely on family to support them, Universal Credit is a lifeline.  But under 25s get a much smaller allowance for housing. It’s called the ‘shared accommodation rate’ and it’s meant to cover the cost of a room in a shared house, but it rarely does. Over 25s leaving homelessness accommodation are entitled to the higher ‘one-bedroom rate’, but under 25s are treated differently.  This unfair treatment is trapping thousands of young people in a cycle of homelessness, unable to start building a future. We need Universal Credit to cover the real cost of renting locally - for under 25s leaving homelessness accommodation.  The UK Government can make changes to Universal Credit in their upcoming spending review. If enough of us demand a fairer deal for young people, we can help thousands find a safe, long-term place to live.  If you would like to change the story and end youth homelessness for good, you can [**add your name here.**](https://actions.centrepoint.org.uk/petition/local-housing-allowance-alt)        **Workers Education Association(WEA) Community Grants**  The next round of [**Community Grants**](https://www.wea.org.uk/lancashire-esf-community-grants-2019-2021) are now open.    The WEA (Workers Education Association) will distribute small grants of £20,000 across Lancashire to eligible organisations in the voluntary, community and social enterprise sector between April 2019 and May 2021.  Funded activities will target those aged 16 and over, from the hardest to reach communities. The funding can help all who are out of work but especially:          those with disabilities and long term health conditions          single parents          women          people from ethnic minorities          people over 50          those planning to return to the workplace after a long period of absence.    Please see further information and apply [**here**](https://www.wea.org.uk/lancashire-esf-community-grants-2019-2021). Also, note closing date is **Wednesday 2**nd **October**  Good Luck!    **Universal Credit Escalation Routeway**  The [**Escalation Routeway**](https://gallery.mailchimp.com/5c56524dfdec316af6b7c616b/files/53a6e3be-ff6f-43b3-bdf9-9787fa8c7cb3/Blackpool_Fleetwood_St_Anne_s_Escalation_Routeway_Sept_19.pdf) has been updated. Please discard of previous copies so as to avoid any confusion.   We hope that some of the content may be of use and many thanks for taking the time to read! | |