

# ALCOHOL SCREENING & BRIEF INTERVENTION IN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM FACTSHEETS

A series of Factsheets have been produced which summarise the prevalence of alcohol use disorders (AUDs) amongst those in contact with the criminal justice system and the evidence base for screening and brief interventions for those with an AUD in the criminal justice system.

There are 4 Factsheets relating to different areas of the criminal justice system; custody suites, prisons, probation, and young offenders.

## THE FACTSHEETS PROVIDE:

- a summary of the evidence of the association between alcohol use and offending behaviour;
- the prevalence of alcohol use disorders (AUDs) amongst adults and young people in contact with the criminal justice system, with comparisons made to the general population;
- a summary of the evidence base for screening and interventions designed to address AUDs in the criminal justice context.

The intended audience for these Factsheets includes health and substance misuse staff, commissioners, public health professionals, policy makers, academics and researchers.

## THE FACTSHEETS CAN BE USED TO SUPPORT:

- the development of screening and brief interventions for those identified as hazardous or harmful drinkers within a criminal justice setting;
- further research on alcohol interventions in the criminal justice setting;
- policy development.

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