

PhD Symposium

5 November 2025

10:20–10:40

Mezzanine

Arrival and refreshments

10:40–10:55

Northumbrian Room

Introduction

Melissa Oldham and Rob Calder

10:55–11:40

Northumbrian Room

Session one: Evaluations of interventions for harm reduction

Chair: Sophie Orton

Speakers:

- Nathan Davies – Impact of the United Kingdom’s smokefree generation policy on tobacco-related equity in England: a simulation study
- Annika Theodoulou – A multi-method, pragmatic evaluation of a new stop smoking service offered to people experiencing financial difficulty in a community setting
- Kirsten Rock – Polydrug use among people who use synthetic cannabinoids: Identification of drug use patterns and targeted harm minimisation strategies

11:45–13:15

Northumbrian Room

Session two: Grant-writing workshop

Chair: Tsen Vei Lim

13:15–14:15

Hawthorns Restaurant

Lunch break

14:15–15:30

Northumbrian Room

Session three: Intervention development

Chair: Elle Wadsworth

Speakers:

- Sadie Lavelle Cafferkey – Developing the CAIM model: A nurse-led integrated addiction care framework for rural communities
- Kristina Hnizdilova – Pilot evaluation of a respiratory monitoring approach to prevent drug overdose fatalities
- Corinna Leppin – How do sampling frequency, predictor variables, and participant-specific training data affect the performance of algorithms predicting cigarette cravings and smoking lapses? An ecological momentary assessment study
- Jacqueline Carhoun – Turning Hindsight Into Foresight: A co-production approach with the affected loved ones of the opioid crisis in the UK and Canada
- Ethan Murphy – CannChange: Using functional magnetic resonance imaging-based neurofeedback to change the neurobiology of craving in cannabis use disorder

15:35–16:05

Northumbrian Room

Session four: Organisations and addictive behaviours

Chair: Tsen Vei Lim

Speakers:

- Jessica Smith – Public perceptions of gambling in the Armed Forces: A mixed-method investigation of stigma
- John McGhee – Who dies in drug treatment? Mortality of drug treatment patients with criminal justice experience in a Scottish national cohort

16:05–16:20

Mezzanine

Break and refreshments

16:20–17:05

Northumbrian Room

Session five: Factors associated with addictive behaviours

Chair: Melissa Oldham

Speakers:

- Chloe Tarleton – How does alcohol affect the perception of sexual consent
- Yekun Sun – Gaming or gambling? Chinese university students' engagement with gambling-like game features
- Madeline Rowe – Investigating associations between menopausal symptoms, alcohol use and wellbeing: a longitudinal study

17:05–17:15

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Closing remarks

Elle Wadsworth

18:30

Puccini Restaurant, 29 Pudding Chare, NE1 1UF

Evening social event