

Redefining Harm Reduction

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"Reduces health risks and other damage
related to drug misuse"

Tackling Drugs Together 1995

... policies, programmes, services
and actions that work to reduce the
health, social, and economic harms
to individuals, communities and
Society that are associated with the
use of drugs

Newcombe 1992

"... refers to policies or programmes that
focus directly on reducing the harm
resulting from the use of alcohol, or other
drugs, both to the individual and to the
larger community"

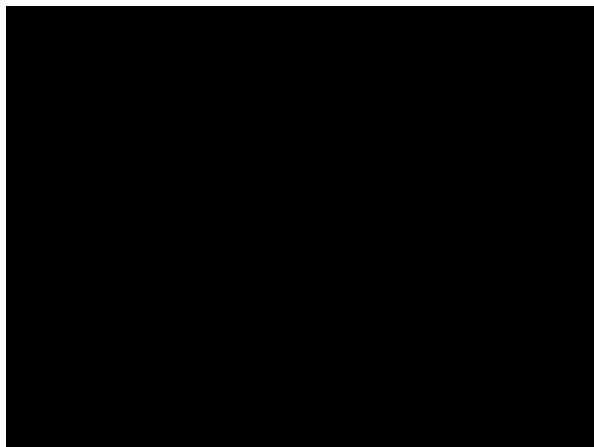
UNODC 2000

"Is founded on an integrationist public
health strategy that safeguards community
health through preservation of individual
rights, particularly of those most
vulnerable to disease and debilitation. As
such harm reduction is synergistic with a
human rights approach to public health"

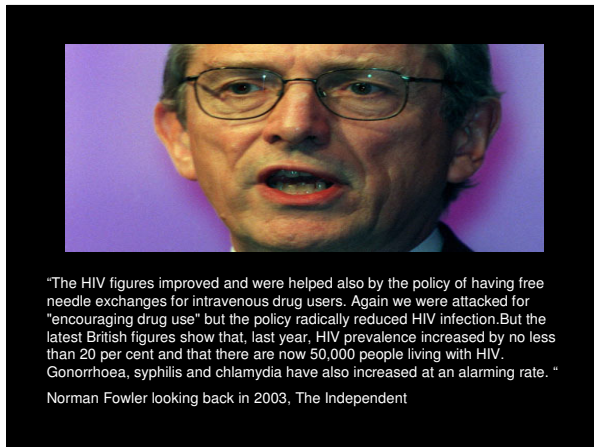
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... is a general term that covers
activities and services that
acknowledge the continued drug
misuse of individuals, but seek to
minimise the harm that such
behaviour causes

(Tackling Drugs to Build a Better
Britain 1998)







**HIV Rates Amongst IDUs -
 2006**

UK 2.3% ... USA 15.6% ...
 Russia 37.2% ... Spain 39.7% ...
 Estonia 72.1% ... Australia 1.09%

Estimates of HCV Related Liver
Conditions 2000 - 2015

2000 - 3250 people
2010 - 7975 people
2015 - 10,950 people