



## Summary

This talk follows a single thread across four areas of addiction research: who are the people who cycle through services, fall through the gaps, and for whom standard treatment is not currently working and what can we do about it. Drawing on studies of managed alcohol programmes, overdose prevention centres across four countries, outreach services, and measurement innovation in brief interventions, it explores what rigorous research in these spaces looks like; and what it demands methodologically and ethically. Conversation and challenge encouraged.

## About Dr Gillian Shorter

Dr Gillian Shorter is a Reader in Clinical Psychology at Queen's University Belfast. Her research specialises in those who are at risk of harm or currently experiencing harm from alcohol and/or other drugs but not seeking formal addiction treatment services. Recent work has explored harm reduction initiatives such as drug consumption rooms, street-based outreach services, alcohol harm reduction, managed alcohol programmes, and overdose risks including those involving high-strength opioids in the UK. She is President of the International Kettil Bruun Society for Research on Alcohol.

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