

PROVISIONAL AGENDA



Advisory Council on the Misuse of Drugs

ACMD Cannabis Review

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Time: 9.00 – 18:45

Background: In July 2007, the Home Secretary asked the Advisory Council on the Misuse of Drugs (ACMD) to review the classification of cannabis. As part of this review, the ACMD has convened an open Cannabis Review meeting on 5th February 2008. The day will comprise a series of presentations, in themed sessions, from experts and stakeholders in relation to cannabis use. An open forum for members of the public will be held at the end of the day.

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Agenda

Time	Item	Presenter	Title
9:00 – 9:15	1.	Sir Michael Rawlins – Chair of ACMD	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Welcome and introduction to the day• Previous review and recommendations

Session 1: Cannabis potency and behaviour

Time	Item	Presenter	Paper title
9:15 – 9:35	2.	Dr Mike White (FSS)	THC content of seized Cannabis
9:35 – 9:55	3.	David Potter (GW Pharmaceuticals)	THC content of UK Cannabis
9:55 – 10:15	4.	Dr Les King	THC content of Cannabis
10:15 – 10:35	5.	Marije Wouters (University of Amsterdam)	Cannabis and smoking behaviour

Session 2: Cannabis and potential mental health effects

Time	Item	Presenter	Paper title
10:35 – 10:55	6.	Professor Glyn Lewis (Academic Unit of Psychiatry; Bristol University)	Cannabis and Psychosis
10:55 – 11:15	7.	Dr. Paul Morrison (Department of Psychological Medicine, King's College London)	The acute effects of THC and CBD

Break 11:15 – 11:30

11:30 – 11:50	8.	Dr. Mathew Hickman (Deputy Director, Centre for research on drugs and health behaviour; Bristol University)	Cannabis use and schizophrenia
11:50 – 12:10	9.	Mrs Marjorie Wallace (CEO of SANE)	tbc
12:10 – 12:30	10.	Mr Paul Corry, Jane Harris, + 1 other. (CEO of Rethink)	tbc
12:30 – 12:50	11.	Professor Louis Appleby (National Director for Mental Health; Department of Health)	tbc

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Session 3: Cannabis: physical and health effects

Time	Item	Presenter	Paper title
12:50 – 13:10	12.	Dr Simon Thomas (Newcastle Regional Drugs and Therapeutics Centre)	Cannabis and physical health

Lunch 13:10 – 13:55

13:55 – 14:15	13.	Mr Andrew Clatworthy (Forensic Science Services)	Cannabis use and Road traffic accidents
14:15 – 14:35	14.	Dr Mark Prunty (Department of Health)	SCOTH report
14:35 – 14:55	15.	Debra Bell (TAC)	

Session 4: Drug policy and law

Time	Item	Presenter	Paper title
14:55 – 15:15	16.	Ms. Cindy Burnett (Magistrates Association)	tbc
15:15 – 15:45	17.	UK Government Department representatives (Home Office, Department of Health and Department of Children, Schools and Families)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Government response and actions from 2005 ACMD Cannabis report.• FRANK• BCS
15:45 – 16:05	18.	Professor Simon Lenton (National Drug Research Institute, Australia)	The impact of the legislative options for Cannabis

Break 16:05 – 16:25

16:25 – 16:45	19.	Mr Steve Rolles (Transform information officer)	tbc
16:45 – 17:05	20.	Mr Simon Byrne (Assistant Chief Constable Merseyside Police, ACPO lead on Cannabis)	tbc

Session 5: National and International Perspectives

Time	Item	Presenter	Paper title
17:05 – 17:25	21.	Professor Simon Lenton on behalf of the Beckley Foundation	tbc
17:25 – 17:45	22.	Ipsos MORI	ACMD polling

Open Forum 17.45 – 18:30

18:30 Close