



# **Preventing the “Mambulance” – a Multi-agency response**

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- Formerly homeless healthcare, established in 1990
- Social Enterprise since 2010
- Provider of healthcare to 1,400 homeless, 1,300 asylum seekers, substance misuse services in the CJ pathway & in HMP Leicester
- Anchor Centre – Wet Day Centre

**CQC – Outstanding across all areas of inspection,  
2015**

# Novel Psychoactive Substances



# Mamba... What is it?

- Often referred to as “Spice”, “legal high”
- Synthetic Cannabinoid- mimics cannabis
- Higher affinity to CB1 receptors
- Full agonist as opposed to THC being partial.

# What does it do?

- Not many people actually seem to like it despite continued use!!!
- Short-term: induces unpredictable behaviour, aggression, agitation, temporary psychosis
- Long-term: Depression, anxiety, paranoia, Dependence

# What do we do?

- Treat the person not the drug!
- A Multiagency approach:
  - Hostels/Housing Support
  - Day Centre
  - Probation Substance Misuse Services
  - Community Substance Misuse Services
  - Hospitals
  - Police

- Weekly MDT meeting with agencies
- Bi-weekly “Street Drinker” group
- NPS Symposium





# Dawn Centre





# Examples...

- Daily call out to Dawn Centre Hostel



# Dealing with “Mamba” attacks...

- Assessment, ABC etc...
- 999 or not?
- Education.



# Suspected links with TB outbreak...

- 2016 identified case of active TB in Dawn Centre

# Introduction of new legislation...

## Improvement?



Questions?