

Review of: "Qualitative study exploring the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on People Who Inject Drugs (PWID) and drug service provision in the UK: PWID and service provider perspectives"

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This is an interesting study that sheds light on how socio-cultural vulnerabilities disproportionately affect the wellbeing of People Who Inject Drugs (PWID), and especially how this was relevant during this pandemic. The study aims at exploring the longer-term impact of the pandemic on the health and wellbeing of PWID, including provider and client experiences of treatment changes. The findings of the study support the idea that people living in hostels are more vulnerable and at higher risk during a pandemic. During the pandemic, Telehealth services and mobile outreach services were established to help PWID in the context of reduced service availability. However, the effectiveness of these services depends on the special sociocultural context of the PWID. This study provides valuable insights into the effectiveness and restraints of Telehealth modalities in healthcare.