



UEA & UEA SU Joint Statement on Harm Reduction on Student Alcohol and Drug Use

At the University of East Anglia and UEA Students' Union, we are joined in our commitment to supporting students through a harm reduction approach to alcohol and drug use.

UEA does not condone or condemn the use of drugs including alcohol; we are focused on providing students with the knowledge to be safe and feel supported. We operate a policy of harm reduction that prioritises the welfare and wellbeing of our students and wider community. This policy can be found [here](#) under Student Regulations.

We believe that a harm reduction approach is in the best interests of our student community, and as an institution, as it aims to reduce the negative health, social and legal impacts associated with substance use and minimise barriers to accessing support.

Together, we are working to:

- Promote evidence-based education around alcohol and drug use, including the risks and safer practices.
- Provide confidential support services for students who are concerned about their own or others' substance use
- Challenge stigma and create a culture of openness, compassion, and care.
- Collaborate with local and national partners to ensure our approach reflects best practice and meets the needs of our diverse student community.

If you need support or want to learn more, please visit [UEA Student Journey and Support Service](#) or [UEASU webpages](#) for more information.

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