

This study (Measham & Turnbull, IJDP, 2021) is a compelling component in the evolving international evidence base for drug checking. Some of the results described here, notably people disposing of their drugs once they know what is contained within them, are extremely encouraging.


Drug checking is reducing drug use through knowledge, harm reduction and welfare, and for a considerable number of people who are receiving this information for the first time in their lives, drug checking is crucially saving lives. This approach isn't about acquiescing or normalising drug use, this is about proactive harm reduction, and it is achieving positive results. A single drug related death is one too many."

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