

In my view, front of house drug checking adds an additional safeguarding layer to the overall approach to drugs and is an important aspect of my Gold Strategy to minimise the risk of harm to festival goers.

My intention as the police Gold Commander is to do everything I can to prevent controlled substances coming onto a site and work with the festival organisers to detect and prosecute those intent on supplying and confiscate all that we find. That said, it is reasonable to assume that we will not be able to prevent all substances getting through and therefore the front of house approach affords a further layer of protection to try and minimise the risk to those intent on using.

I had the pleasure of visiting The Loop at Kendal Calling and I was very impressed by both their professionalism, and the holistic approach taken by the team to reduce the harm caused by controlled drugs. I am very much looking forward to working with The Loop again.

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