



## Substance Use and Substance Use Disorders

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### **Message from the Guest Editor**

The majority of young people presenting to specialist substance misuse services have a range of problems or vulnerabilities related to their substance use or wider factors that can impact on their substance use (e.g., criminal offenses, self-harm, experiencing sexual exploitation or domestic abuse). There has been a considerable increase in young people using drugs and alcohol in the UK, Europe, and the U.S after a long period of a downward trend. Those seeking treatment have a number of complex needs, including mental health needs that can only be met through a combination of specialist treatment and wider social and health care. Likewise, it is crucial to consider the international evidence base and literature on young people's substance use, including nature and prevalence, models of treatment, pharmacological and psychological interventions, and comorbidities. Papers addressing these topics are invited for this Special Issue, especially those that have a strong methodological rigor or a practice focus.

