

Abstract

In the nightlife settings the prevalence of drug use is higher than in the general population. Worldwide, substance use is becoming normal and acceptable in this context and the individual substances are combined with each other. Although in the world number of services that provide harm reduction in the nightlife environment increases and programmes are supported, in the Czech Republic these specialized services are insufficient, they are not a stable component of the system of addiction care and these services are in the national drug policy in a marginal area.

One of the specialized program is PARTYHARMreduction. The aim of this thesis is to identify and analyze the needs of clients of this service and if the interventions are covering these needs and how to improve this program to cover them.

The method of data collection was a structured questionnaire with the assistance of program staff. Research sample selection is a combination of total selection and institutional selection. The analysis was made through the statistics program SPSS and combination of three methods in qualitative research.

The result is that clients consider the program as very helpful, useful and necessary. The main need that was not covered is a drug checking service which is very important for their own safety. The feeling of safety was different at each event and various arrangements were provided by the organizers. However, safety is one of the basic human needs and it is therefore necessary to emphasize this requirement in the nightlife environment.

The results could be useful in the development of program PARTYHARMreduction and also in implementation of new services in the nightlife setting. At the same time, the results could contribute to discussions on the intervention of drug checking in the Czech republic.

Key words: Nightlife, entertainment, drugs, needs assessment, harm reduction.