

# Treatment Centres throughout the UK open their Doors throughout Misuse and Addictions Week; June 23rd -30th

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Misuse and Addictions Week, an awareness week supported by the Home Office, runs from June 23rd-30th. The yoyo treatment depicted in the media isn't painting a clear picture of active recovery. The truth is that 80,280 individuals commenced treatment in 2006/07 of which 60,392 (75 per cent) remained in structured treatment for 12 weeks or more. During the coming week treatment agencies such as New Beginnings, Lampton Court and Action on Addiction have an open door policy allowing addiction-treatment providers, referrers and commissioners along with the general public to learn what services are available to them to help curb addiction. Dan Butcher, recovering cocaine addict and founder of The Recovery Network (a social networking internet platform that provides real time education, a support network and social assistance to anyone affected by addiction), has decided to open his web gates and is offering free 1 month membership to anyone looking for support.

Misuse and Addictions Week also coincides with UN's International Day Against Drug Abuse which is on Thursday June 26th. Dan Butcher, has been lobbying for some time now to have June 26th recognized as not only a global day of awareness but also UK Day against Drug Abuse. He's had several meeting in the house of Lords in order to achieve this goal. He hopes awareness campaigns such as these will help people to realise that it is an illness rather than a weakness. The Recovery Network launched on November 5th 2007 and the website currently helps to support an online community of over 2,500 registered members. Its members consist of addicts wishing to confront their addiction for the first time, recovering addicts and the friends and family members of both.

Recovering Coke Addict and Founder Dan says: "This campaign is only one step in winning the war on addiction. The UK government needs to take a much more active role in supporting those affected by addiction. Millions of people have been affected either directly or indirectly by the devastating implications of drug addiction'.

As well as tackling drugs and reducing drug-related crime in communities across the country, National Drugs Tackling Week will also highlight support services available such as The Recovery Network. Dan Butcher aims to create as much awareness as possible during this crucial week.

The Recovery Network website can be found at [www.trntv.co.uk](http://www.trntv.co.uk)

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