

Listening to Voices of Experience

The Haliburton Kawartha Lakes Northumberland (HKLN) Drug Strategy in partnership with the Haliburton Kawartha Pine Ridge District Health Unit, is excited to be undertaking a survey that gives a voice to people with living experience (PWLE) of substance use and addiction in our communities.

The purpose of the survey is to invite information from PWLE to better understand drug use practices and what they feel would be helpful in preventing overdose and drug poisonings. The survey is a first step in a larger conversation the Drug Strategy will be engaging in with our communities about substance use and addiction prevention, treatment, harm reduction and community safety.

To participate in this survey a person must:

- Have used unregulated drugs in the past six months, and
- Be 16 years of age or older, and
- Live, work, or go to school in Haliburton County, City of Kawartha Lakes, or Northumberland County, and
- Have not participated in this survey already.

The Drug Strategy is grateful to partners in Harm Reduction Outreach including John Howard Society, PARN and Green Wood Coalition, who are leading on the recruitment of survey participants and implementation of the survey through Peer Support Workers.

Data is being collected and analyzed by the health unit and a summary report of the survey results will be available through the Drug Strategy later this spring. Results of the survey will be used by HKLN Drug Strategy members for planning purposes.

Please direct any questions about this survey project to Kate Hall, Needs Assessment Team Lead at the Health Unit, 705-879-8335. This survey will close on February 14, 2024.