

A8 Migrants & Treatment Need

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Research

Background

- 2004 & EU accession
- Differential decisions by existing EU countries
- Restrictions and caveats
- Benefits and rewards

Research Project

- Appraisal of existing knowledge, services & need
- 7 London Boroughs
- Interviews with key informants
 - DAT's
 - Voluntary sector organisations
 - Statutory services

Entitlement & Vulnerability

- Mixed findings
- Restrictions will cease in four years:
 - *From 2011 onwards- seven years after accession*
- there will be complete freedom of movement for workers from new Member States.

*European Commission (website,
30/04/2004)*

- Three groups of migrants
- Local spend...national savings

Needs

- Services not overwhelmed
 - Overestimation of need
 - Destitution
- Alcohol or drugs?
- Pre-existing problems & drugs of choice
- Dangerous injecting practices
- Impact of need on staff

Solutions

- Workforce planning
- Cultural competence
- Low threshold prescribing
- Collaboration and Multi-agency working
- Reconnections
- Devolution of power...