

2<sup>nd</sup> July 2021

To Whom it may concern,

We are writing this open letter as one collective voice representing the 13 organisations who deliver many of the mainstream substance use services in Northern Ireland. These organisations, listed below, also make up NIADA's membership – the Northern Ireland Alcohol and Drug Alliance.

**Addiction NI**  
**ARC Fitness**  
**ASCERT**  
**Carlisle House**  
**Davina's Ark**  
**De Paul**  
**Dunlewey Addiction Services**  
**Extern**  
**Northlands**  
**Regional Service User Network**  
**Simon Community NI**  
**Start360**  
**YMCA**

Our members deliver a wide range of substance use services throughout Northern Ireland. We see first-hand the impact substance use can have on individuals, families, communities, and our health service to name but a few.

We are asking you to read our enclosed blog highlighting our concerns about the recent use of sugared, caffeinated, alcoholic drinks by some of the young people we work with.

NIADA would appreciate any support you can offer to assist us in educating, challenging, liaising and lobbying for the reduction of caffeine and alcohol in these drinks. Let's make this change now before it impacts negatively on those young people targeted.

Regards,

NIADA Members