Thank you:

For the tenacity, imagination and dedication of volunteers, staff and friends of Crew who delivered our work in 2016-17 and took part in an unprecedented number of successful fundraising events, including Colourvibe and Total Warrior 2016, a Hobbs, George Street fundraising night and fashion show and an evening Christmas shopping event at Crabtree and Evelyn, Hanover Street. We also thank Andy Diagram, BP, Total Warrior UK, Charlotte Street Partners, Cameron Guest House Group, Ipsos MORI’s Edinburgh Call Centre team, Iain Bell at Executive Fitness Foundation Edinburgh, George Hall at VISTAGE, Sky, Jimmy Sinclair, the Trellis Trust, the Castle Project and Swishprint for their supportive and inspirational partnership work this year. Our sincere thanks also to Ruaridh Finlayson and Baillie Gifford for generous donations and GlaxoSmithKline/The Kings Fund for their outstanding support via the IMPACT Award-winners Alumni Network and in co-developing the Cascading Leadership programme.

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Crew volunteers worked 4,098 hours 2016-17. Paid at the gross average weekly wage of £539 weekly, we estimate the economic value alone of Crew volunteering as £63,110. We also recognise and value the rich pool of knowledge, experience, creativity, compassion and dedication that volunteers bring to Crew – our work would not be possible without them.

To make a donation to reduce drug harm:
Text Crew18 £1 (or £2, £5 or £10) to 70070
Visit www.justgiving.com/crew2000
Remember us with a gift in your will - contact emma@crew2000.org.uk


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“Crew exists to reduce harm, challenge perceptions and help people make positive choices about their use of cannabis, stimulants and other drugs and sexual health by providing non-judgmental, credible and up to date information and support.”

Money:

Training, presentations and private workshops £11,331
Expert Witness £10,414
Information production £3,327
Outreach income £15,255
Total Warrior £14,558
Events and donations £13,847
Contracts £138,850
Grants and donations £220,704
Room hire, film location fees and interest £3,453
TOTAL: £431,739

All staffing costs £286,344
Depreciation £2,855
Direct service costs £41,105
Support costs £54,559
Governance, audit and accounts £7,429
TOTAL: £392,292

NB extracts from Crew’s audited annual accounts for the year ending 31st March 2017. Please contact us for a full copy.
Outreach welfare, education and chill out at festivals, events and schools:
“From an ADP service we found Crew an excellent addition to the medical team at Knockengorroch Festival. I think it is essential at any festival where substance use may be prevalent, that services such as Crew’s crisis intervention are in attendance to support individuals when they may become at their most vulnerable. I found the Crew staff and volunteers to be professional, empathetic and confidential to all persons requiring their service.”
Scott Jardine Police Scotland

Emerging trends and training:
“This your commitment and professionalism throughout the programme of training was exceptional and for this we are extremely grateful.”
“I have learned a lot from the trainer today, they were very knowledgeable in all areas. This training will help me when coming into contact with service users who have been, or are, using NPS and other drugs.”
Training clients 2016-17

Free, confidential, person-centred counselling for people who wish to reduce, stabilise or stop drug use:
“I finally feel accepting of who I am and am comfortable in my own skin. I now know where I want to be in life and what my long term goals are. Mindfulness has played a huge part in my ability to release stress and anxiety. My smoking and self-harming has reduced massively...”
“Understanding why I abused drugs. Managing compulsions/cravings and experience of not being on drugs as a positive thing.”
Clients 2016-17

Impact 2016-17:

Outreach:
Festivals: 65% of young people accessing Crew Outreach festival services report making positive changes in their practice around drugs, drinking alcohol and sexual activity. 74% of people we saw said they increased knowledge and understanding about making more responsible choices around drugs (including NPS) alcohol and sexual health. Schools: 72% of pupils said they felt more confident in harm reduction strategies, where to look for information and help; and who they could speak to within the school. 89% of the staff who attended the training alongside the students said they felt more confident in speaking to pupils about accessing local services and speaking about harm reduction and keeping themselves or their peers safe.

Emerging Trends and Training:
Crew trained 746 people, with 99% reporting an increase in confidence and knowledge after training. Crew has also supported private and public organisations, such as the NHS and Scottish Prison Service, to allow staff to respond to drug trends more effectively. We have participated in Drug Trend Monitoring Groups throughout Scotland whilst working with partners across the UK and Europe.

Drop-in:
Free, confidential drug and sexual health harm reduction advice and brief interventions; 6 afternoons every week: 72% feel more confident to make safer choices about drugs and alcohol since visiting Crew, 83% feel more confident to make safer choices about sexual health, and 90% of young people feel more able to speak to people like Crew about drugs and alcohol issues (sample 116 people). 3,400 visits, 2,386 brief advice and support interventions delivered.

Counselling:
42% of clients who completed their counselling programme stopped using drugs and an additional 58% moved from problematic drug use to controlled use. 85% of counselling clients showed major improvements in their physical and mental well-being. 81% highlighted that their functioning in life improved substantially and that they now deal much better with any problems arising.

25 years:
Crew is one of the longest-running harm reduction charities in the UK. As we celebrate 25 years, here are some highlights in our history:

1992: Informal peer education in nightlife settings
1993: Crew establishes itself as a charity
1995: Drop-in launches with Cockburn Street Rave; ‘Dunt’ Ecstasy harm reduction leaflet
1997: Crew founder-members of the BASICS safer nightlife network (now NEWNet: Nightlife Empowerment & Well-being Network)
2000: Developed outreach and peer support service
2003: Established Edinburgh Stimulant Users Service
2004: ‘research chemicals’ harm reduction leaflets; established counselling service
2006: Developed ‘stepped care approach’
2007: 1st Investors in Volunteering Award; GBL (gamma-butyrolactone) referral protocol
2008: IMPACT Award, contributed with BASICS to Safer Nightlife Guidelines
2008: Launch of OASIS on-line support
2009: Launch of harm reduction briefings on ‘research chemicals’ to counter media misinformation
2010: Harm reduction materials developed in response to ‘Ivory Wave, NRG1 and Mephedrone
2012: IMPACT Champion of Champions Gold Award Winner
2012: Crew National Substance Use Symposium
2013: Launch of My Crew app and online self-assessment tool
2013: Crew National Cannabis Masterclass
2013: Joined NEPTUNE (Novel Psychoactive Substances UK Network)
2014: Crew National Poly Drug Use Conference
2015: EMCDDA Responses to NPS Meeting
2016: Peer Interventions in Nightlife Settings - NEWNet pan-European project
2016: Cascading Leadership with the Kings’ Fund