

**Abstract:**

The bachelor paper undertakes a topic of problem drug use, its development, nature, range of consequences for individuals and the society. It's focused on recent situation in problem drug use in the Czech Republic and Prague, on work of low-threshold services for problem drug users, drug policy of capital city and particular part of the city.

The aim of the research was to analyse the situation of problem drug use in Prague's quarter Michle, where no specialized low-threshold program for drug users is operating. The intention was to find out whether problem drug use exists in the area, what is its prevalence, patterns, specifics, and whether the low-threshold program is needed.

The Rapid Assessment and Response methodology was used as a method of data collection and analysis - analysis of available data and materials (annual reports of organizations, materials of Prague drug policy) and semi-structured interviews with key informants (problem drug users, representatives of institutions, workers of Prague low-threshold services, locals and informants in the service sector).

The views of the overwhelming majority of respondents agree, support and complement each other. Problem drug use is occurring in the Michle district and has its own characteristics (a high proportion of users of buprenorphine, less anonymity than in the city centre, squatting), but according to available analysed information, it does not exceed extent of the phenomenon in the context of the large city. Open drug scene was not found out here.

Operation of low-threshold services in the area would be appropriate, their current coverage and accessibility is not ideal. However, if we take into account limited available capacity and financial means, it seems appropriate to establish the contact and counselling centre in some part of the city on the east side of Prague, which would provide services for not only one but number of districts and make low-threshold services more accessible for clients from this area.

**Key words**

problem drug use, *Rapid Assessment and Response*, low-threshold services