Abstract

Introduction: Prostitution is a phenomenon naturally related to different type of risky behavior such as drug use. There is an easier access to psychoactive substances in the sex business environment where becoming drug addict can be more accelerated. Psychoactive substances can be used as a way of breaking moral boundaries while working in sex business. The experts believe that drug use contributes to relaxation and reduces both mental and physical barriers when providing sexual services.

Goals: The goal of this dissertation is to look into the issue of prostitution in the Czech Republic in the years 2010 to 2014 to map out the illegal drug use and presence of sexually transmitted diseases within the sex business.

Methods: The practical part of this dissertation was based on secondary analysis of data obtained by long term research by the organization Rozkoš bez rizika (Pleasure without Risk) in sex business. The data analysis was taken between the years 2010 and 2014.

Results: Sexual services are mostly provided in night clubs by girls and women in the age of 21-30, women of the Czech nationality, single women. The highest level of education is mostly practical school without graduation. The concentration of sex workers in capital Prague and in the border area with Germany and Austria was confirmed. The prevalence of injection drug use among sex workers is higher compared to regular population. Connection between drug use and higher risk of sexually transmitted diseases was proved in the case of syphilis and hepatitis C.

Resume: The intention and goals of the thesis were filled. Results of demographic characteristics are consistent with findings of organizations working with target group of sex workers. I think that higher prevalence of drug use among sex workers compared to regular population is not surprising because of the context of prostitution with many risky phenomena.

Key words:

Sex business – sex worker – illegal drug – drug use – risky group – sexually transmitted diseases