

# Dominica Drug Information Network

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# Status and Review of Activities for 2016- 2017

- ▶ **Development of Alcohol Policy**
  - ▶ **Awareness raising activities**
  - ▶ **Community action**
  - ▶ **Age limits**
  - ▶ **Restrictions**
  - ▶ **Drink driving legislation**
  - ▶ **Health warning labels and consumer information**
- ▶ **Stakeholders Meeting**
- ▶ **Approval of the implementation of the FCTC into Law**

# Structure of Observatory

- ▶ National Drug Abuse Prevention Unit - Coordinating Unit
- ▶ Health Promotion
- ▶ Princess Margaret Hospital
- ▶ Dominica State Prison
- ▶ Dominica Police Force
- ▶ Financial Intelligence Unit
- ▶ Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- ▶ Ministry of Trade
- ▶ Wisdom to Know
- ▶ Acute Psychiatric Unit

# New Drugs or New ways of Using Drugs in your country?

- ▶ There is an increase use of alcohol and tobacco since Hurricane Maria despite the increase in price
- ▶ Use of e-cigarettes (Pockets)
- ▶ Use of cough syrup and alcohol

# Challenges

- ▶ Lack of political will power
- ▶ Changes in organizations in terms of personnel
- ▶ Changing priorities by government and organizations