

The background image shows a university campus. In the center is a tall, white, multi-story building with a tower-like structure. The building appears somewhat aged or in a state of partial renovation, with some peeling paint and missing sections. To the right, there is a smaller, cylindrical tower. In the foreground, there is a paved plaza with a modern, curved, metallic archway structure on the right side. The sky is overcast with grey clouds. The overall scene is a mix of old and new architecture.

LJMU Drug Related Deaths Conference 2024

Public Health Institute,
Liverpool John Moores University

WHO declares loneliness a 'global public health concern'

The World Health Organization has launched an international commission on loneliness, which can be as bad for people's health as smoking 15 cigarettes a day

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 Between 5% and 15% of adolescents are lonely, according to figures that are likely to be underestimates. Photograph: Manish Swarup/AP

The **World Health Organization** (WHO) has declared loneliness to be a pressing global health threat, with the US surgeon general saying that its mortality effects are equivalent to smoking 15 cigarettes a day.

Individuals dying in 2022 from drug overdose alone

70%

Lived alone - Greater Manchester

75%

Overdosed alone - Greater Manchester



50%

Lived alone – Cheshire & Merseyside

86%

Overdosed alone - Cheshire & Merseyside

Data taken from IMS 2022 Annual DARD Reports, available on www.ims.ljmu.ac.uk



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