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Aim

The aim of this research is to identify the impact of drug abuse among adolescents in the black African community in the UK and to understand the complex interactivities of causes affecting drug use trajectories.

Objectives

The objectives of the research are

- To identify the issues of environmental, biological, social, and behavioural effects of drug use and enslavement among adolescents.
- To develop strategies to stop drug abuse and its consequences.
- Evolve new and upgrade treatments to support adolescents and maintain a sustained and meaningful recovery.

Background

The negative consequences or impacts of drug abuse influence not only adolescents who misuse drugs but their friends, families, and workplace also. The impacts of drug abuse include quarrels with family or relatives, and friends, severe health disorders and as well as dangerous accidents, and dropping out of school for poor performance (Assari *et al.* 2018). The risks of drug abuse among adolescents and this effect on teenage through different ways that are it affects the development and growth of adolescents, especially brain development. There were 11,013 teenage people in treatment with drug services between 2020 and 2021 (gov.uk, 2022). Drug abuse also has more risky behaviours frequently such as dangerous driving. It contributes to the growth of adult health issues such as high blood pressure, sleeping disorders, and heart disease (Lardier Jr, 2019).

Methods

Methods are the specific techniques and processes used to recognize, select and proceed and analyse the collected information about the topic. A research methodology provides scientifically term findings and gives research legitimacy. The type of research design implemented for the topic is the experimental research design. The topic of research wants a deductive approach to the research in order to proceed

with the assessment. The research philosophy is utilised to proceed with the research of the topic is interpretivism. The research demands the method of secondary quantitative data collection to proceed further. The method involves the collection of data that has been gathered earlier by the researcher own. The secondary data collection includes the surveys, articles, and journals. The researcher demands the method of secondary data of analysis to proceed with the research methodology. The research is conducted by collecting secondary quantitative data from real-time experience or data. The data is to be analysed to fulfilling the objectives of the topic. The researcher uses thematic analysis for the research methodology. Simple random sampling is the kind of probability sampling of research where the researcher randomly chooses the groups of adolescents who misuse drugs from the crowd. The secondary data collection is originated from a secondary source and has been issued by the researcher own for research purposes and could be accessed by the researcher own.

Resources

The researcher uses newspapers, articles, and surveys to execute the research. The researcher also uses journal articles and books on the African black community in the UK.

Timescale

Research Activities	February	March	April	May	June
Research Design					
Research Approach					
Research Philosophy					
Data collection					
Data analysis					
Sampling technique					

Data Analysis					
Conclusion & Recommendation					
Proofreading					
Final Dissertation Submission					

Self Reflection:

I am working in care sector, so I have practical knowledge in health care sector which is my strength. Also I did my previous course work, so I know how to do research.

My weakness is this is first time I am doing my dissertation, I am bit nervous but I can manage it.

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