

there are prospects for further development and improvement of the work of law enforcement agencies. Ensuring their effectiveness and accountability requires a systematic approach, as well as active cooperation with all stakeholders. The activities of police during martial law require clear legal regulation based on national and international norms. Ukrainian legislation can be improved taking into account international standards, which will increase the effectiveness of law enforcement and protection of human rights in armed conflicts.

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ADDRESSING DRUG-RELATED CRIMES IN SCOTLAND: LAW ENFORCEMENT APPROACHES

The issue of drug-related crimes has become a significant concern in Scotland, particularly in recent years, as the country faces increasing challenges related to substance abuse and drug trafficking. According to the Scottish Government, "tackling drug misuse remains one of the key priorities, aiming to reduce the harm caused by drugs to individuals, families, and communities".

The number of drug-related deaths in the country has been on the rise, with an alarming increase in polydrug use, which contributes significantly to overdose deaths. 1,172 people died due to drug misuse in 2023, according to latest statistics published by National Records of Scotland. This is an increase of 121 deaths compared with 2022 [1]. This trend reflects a broader shift in drug markets and consumption patterns, with substances like synthetic opioids, benzodiazepines, and gabapentinoids increasingly involved in fatalities.

The Scottish government set up a drugs deaths taskforce in response to the crisis, which met for the first time in September 2019. It has spent time gathering evidence and proposing changes that it says could quickly save lives. The main focus of this has been the distribution of Naloxone, a

medication that can reverse the effects of an opiate-related overdose. Users often die because they are unable to breathe and, if used in time, Naloxone can restore breathing and save their lives [2].

The roots of this issue are deeply intertwined with social and economic factors, including poverty, deprivation, and lack of access to adequate healthcare. The Scottish Government has identified that people living in the most deprived areas are 15 times more likely to die from drug misuse than those in wealthier regions. These figures highlight the complex nature of the problem, which cannot be solved through law enforcement alone but requires coordinated action from health services, social workers, and community organizations.

The Scottish government has identified that tackling drug misuse requires a multi-faceted approach, where law enforcement plays a crucial role in controlling the distribution and illegal trade of drugs. Police Scotland, in collaboration with national agencies, focus on disrupting drug trafficking networks, especially those operating at an international level. Scottish Government national drugs strategy focuses on recovery but also looks at prevention, treatment and rehabilitation, education, enforcement and protection of children [3].

Additionally, in their efforts to prevent drug misuse, Police Scotland employs intelligence-led policing strategies, where local knowledge and data are crucial in identifying hotspots for drug dealing and abuse. By focusing on these high-risk areas, law enforcement aims to dismantle criminal organizations at the street level and reduce the supply of illegal drugs.

Initiatives have been developed in Scotland at different stages of the criminal justice process to encourage offenders with substance misuse problems to seek treatment and support. The criminal justice system has evolved as a gateway to drug treatment, reflecting stated government policy commitment to simultaneously promote recovery while reducing drug-related crime.

The fight against drug-related crime in Scotland demands a multifaceted approach, combining law enforcement with social support systems. While Police Scotland's efforts to disrupt drug trafficking and target high-risk areas are essential, the ongoing increase in drug-related deaths highlights the need for expanded access to treatment and rehabilitation. Addressing the underlying social and economic factors, such as poverty and healthcare inequality, is crucial for long-term success. A comprehensive strategy that includes both enforcement and support services is key to tackling the drug crisis effectively, promoting recovery, and reducing crime.

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LEGAL CHARACTERISTICS OF PROFESSIONAL AND ETHICAL RULES OF POLICE OFFICERS CONDUCT

As in any other profession, a police officer encounters the concept of deontology in his activities. Moral values form the main principles enshrined in the Constitution of Ukraine, the Law of Ukraine "On the National Police of Ukraine", the Order of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Ukraine "On the Approval of the Rules of Ethical Behavior of Police Officers", other legal acts. They form a general idea about the profession of a police officer and the tasks he faithfully performs. In most cases, we observe professionalism in the work of police officers, but unfortunately there are always exceptions. The human factor has played a cruel joke on a noble profession. Different people, by their nature, violate general norms of morality in their activities. Why is this happening?

It seems, in our democratic society, the phenomenon of violating the rules of morality, that is, ethics, should disappear long ago. But every year it influences the police in their work. Order No. 1179 of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Ukraine dated November 9, 2016 "On Approval of the Rules of Ethical Behavior of Police Officers" was issued to settle this issue. These Rules are a generalized collection of professional and ethical requirements for the rules of conduct of police officers and are aimed at ensuring the service of the police to society by protection of human rights and freedoms, combating crime, maintaining public safety and order on the basis of ethics and universal human values. These Rules apply to all police officers serving in the National Police of Ukraine (hereinafter - the police). Compliance with the requirements of these Rules is an obligation for every police officer, regardless of the position, special rank and location [1]. In this way, the main principles of police activity are clearly outlined, namely:

Rule of law;

Observance of human rights and freedoms;