

The National Drug Research Institute invites you to

Drugs and the Criminal Justice System

*Free public seminar with
Professor Michael Farrell,
Director,
National Drug and Alcohol Research Centre*

**Thursday 2 June, 2011
12pm**

National Drug Research Institute Seminar Room
Curtin University Health Research Campus,
Level 2, 10 Selby Street, Shenton Park, WA

This talk will provide a brief overview of the problems and challenges of drugs and drug-related problems within the Criminal justice system and, in particular, in prisons. It will discuss the problem of risks for drug users when leaving prison and explore the issue of people moving between community services and prison.

Professor Michael Farrell has been Director of the National Drug and Alcohol Research Centre at the University of New South Wales since March 2011. He did his original undergraduate training in Ireland and worked in London for over 20 years, where he was a Consultant Addiction Psychiatrist in the Maudsley Hospital and a Professor of Addiction Psychiatry at the Institute of Psychiatry, Kings College London. His area of interests have been broad-based population studies based on the UK National Psychiatric Morbidity Programme, where substance use and psychiatric morbidity were explored. He is also interested in Evidence Based Practice and Treatment Evaluation and the Translation of new evidence into practice. He has researched aspects of drugs and prison and particularly the risks of overdose on leaving prison or other closed institutions. Professor Farrell has published over 200 scientific papers and is a member of the WHO Expert Committee on Drug Dependence. He chaired the Scientific Advisory Committee of the European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction until May 2011 and has undertaken a wide range of work for international agencies and for National Governments on aspects of National Drug Policies.

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