

BREAKING FREE ONLINE:

Strengthening treatment and recovery services through digital innovation



Introducing Breaking Free Group



- UK-based digital health and behavioural science company founded in 2010
- Specialise in developing digital behaviour change programmes for addictions
- Team includes Clinical Psychologists, Health Psychologists, Behavioural Scientists
- Mission: to increase the access of people, including under-served communities, to effective behaviour change interventions for addictions
- Digital innovations grounded in evidence and robust behavioural science
- Strong commitment to research and evaluation

Commissioners of our digital innovations include:

Government bodies







Breaking Free has supported the recovery of over 100,000 people in UK, Canada and US

36 research studies published in UK, Canadian and US peer-reviewed journals

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Using Breaking Free shown consistently to lead to very significant clinical improvements:

- Reduced drug and alcohol use
- Reduced substance dependence
- Improved mental health
- Improved quality of life
- Improved social functioning
- Improved recovery progression

Breaking Free also promotes digital inclusion

Accreditations for Breaking Free Online: assurance of quality and clinical integrity



National Institute for Health and Care Excellence Endorsed by National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) at the Department of Health



Accredited by Oxford University, Cambridge University and Royal Society of Arts (OCR) awarding body



Accredited by Correctional Services Advice and Accreditation Panel (CSAAP) at the Ministry of Justice as a gold standard intervention

HM Prison & Probation Service

Approved by Her Majesty's Prison and Probation Service (HMPPS) as an Effective Regime Intervention



Qualified by Ontario Health as a Vendor of Record for the provision of addictions solutions

What is the problem that needs to be addressed?

Impact of drug and alcohol misuse















How can we increase access to evidence-based interventions for service users?

Introducing Breaking Free Online



- GDPR-compliant digital behaviour change intervention for drug and alcohol dependence that has been proven to be effective in multiple treatment settings
- Interactive, engaging and highly personalised programme with full voiceover for service users with low levels of literacy and/or impaired concentration
- **Delivers Cognitive Behavioural Therapy** and integrates proven approaches such as mindfulness, relapse prevention, motivational enhancement and harm reduction
- Facilitates recovery from substance dependence and addresses associated mental health difficulties and substance-involved lifestyle
- Complements and strengthens prescribing regimes where Medication-Assisted Treatment for opioid dependence is being delivered
- Delivers continuous behavioural support to help clients overcome addiction to drugs for which no medication is available e.g. methamphetamine, cocaine, crack

Substances treated by Breaking Free Online



- Adderall
- Acamprosate
- AH-7921
- Alcohol
- Alpha-PVP
- Amitryptyline
- Amphetamines
- Buprenorphine
- Butane
- Cannabis/Marijuana
- Clonazepam
- Cocaine
- Co-codamol
- Codeine
- Crack
- Demerol
- Dexedrine

Diazepam

- Dihydrocodeine
- Disulphiram
- Ecstasy/MDMA
- Eszopiclone/Lunesta
- Etizolam
- Ephedrine
- Fentanyl
- Gabapentin
- Heroin
- Human Growth Hormone
- Hydromorphone
- GBL
- GHB
- Ketamine
- Khat
- Lorazepam

- MDVP
- Mephedrone
- Mephobarbital
- Methadone
- Methamphetamine
- Methoxetamine
- Modafinil
- Morphine
- MSJ
- Naltrexone
- Nitrazepam
- Nitrous oxide
- O-PCE
- Oxandrolone
- Oxycodone/Oxycontin
- Oxymorphone
- Phencyclidine (PCP)

- Phenobarbital
- Pholcodine
- Pregabalin
- Ritalin
- Suboxone
- Sustanon
- Synthetic cannabis
- Temazepam
- Testosterone
- Tobacco
- Tramadol
- Triazolam
- Vicodin/Hydrocodone
- Xanax/Alprazolam
- Zaleplon/Sonata
- Zolpidem/Ambien
- Zopiclone

How Breaking Free Online can strengthen services



- Manage waiting lists engagement tool that keeps service users motivated from the point of referral to the start of structured treatment
- **Reinforce Medication-Assisted Treatment** helps service users stabilize or detox from methadone/buprenorphine, manage cravings and regulate their emotions
- Augment telehealth/virtual care provision overcomes treatment barriers such as stigma, distance, rurality, work or childcare commitments etc.
- Facilitate Computer-Assisted Therapy (CAT) delivered by practitioners as either a one-to-one intervention or structured groupwork programme
- Tailor intervention programmes used to target specific service user cohorts and hard-to-reach populations e.g., women, prescribed medications, NPS, stimulants
- Support peer mentoring initiatives enables peer supporters with lived experience to deliver structured interventions and strengthens their own resilience
- Strengthen continuing care approaches aftercare tool that helps service users transition from residential treatment to community, or between treatment modalities

What does Breaking Free Online do?



- Empowers service users to achieve and maintain abstinence from drugs and alcohol
- Gives them 24/7 access on any device to expert guidance and recovery support
- Equips them with a comprehensive toolkit of psychoeducation, recovery resources and evidence-based behaviour change techniques



Proven model of behavioural change



- Breaking Free Online is underpinned by a proven cognitive-behavioural model
- Explains to service users the underlying psychological and lifestyle drivers of their substance dependence
- Personalises the program to their needs and individual circumstances
- Delivers person-centred care by letting them access the behaviour change techniques in the order they choose
- Uses a colour-coding system to guide them on which issues to focus on



Practitioner oversight of recovery progress

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- Breaking Free Online generates printed outputs of all the behaviour change strategies and progress checks completed by service users
- Allows practitioners to monitor their recovery progress, including at distance, as these outputs can be emailed automatically to them



Breaking Free Companion app



- App for service users with Android and iOS devices which augments and syncs with the browser-based Breaking Free Online programme
- Strengthens relapse prevention by using geofencing to trigger alerts when service users approach high-risk locations, and delivers calendar alerts









Breaking Free E-Learning Platform



- Breaking Free Online can be self-directed OR delivered as Computer-Assisted Therapy by practitioners and clinicians
- Trained via an e-learning platform in the potential delivery models:
 1) Self-directed; 2) One-to-one; 3) Group intervention





Breaking Free Outcomes Dashboard



- Provides commissioners with real-time data analytics via an online dashboard
- Demonstrates the reach and clinical impact of the digital intervention and facilitates effective performance management





Key advantages of Breaking Free Online



SERVICE USERS can...

Overcome barriers to recovery: stigma, waiting lists, distance/rurality, work or childcare commitments

Build recovery capital and address their substance dependence

Receive continuity of care if they move to a different location or are referred to a new service

PRACTITIONERS can...

Increase service user choice by providing 24/7 access to evidence-based behaviour change interventions

Deliver interventions with high consistency and treatment fidelity

Augment their practice with Computer-Assisted Therapy, including with service users at distance

SERVICE PROVIDERS can...

Respond to evolving drug trends and meet local need with a scalable and evidence-based digital solution

Monitor real-time data on the reach and impact of the interventions

Strengthen treatment systems: engagement, prevention, treatment and recovery

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