International review on problematic cannabis uses: tools for primary care deliverers for their identification and undertaking

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Initial identified needs:
This review constitutes the preliminary diagnosis which will have to allow to identify, to adapt and to disseminate some tools to support primary care providers (general practitioners, school health agents, other healthcare professionals) in directing problematic cannabis users to specialized care system. This study joins within the Federation Addiction’s objective of sustaining the evolution of the professional practices within the young outpatient drug clinics (CJC), which are attached to treatment and prevention centres (CSAPA) since 2008 (circular of February 28, 2008). The Federation Addiction (the commissioner) aims at developing the reflection on the early intervention, in order to favor the articulation between first-line players and the specialised care system, by developing the territorial meshing and the networking between local health professionals.

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