

As Chair of the Global Influences Task Group, I fully accept responsibility for an editing error in some of the material forwarded to the secretariat of the Review of the Social Determinants and the Health Divide in the WHO European Region.

The error, concerning HIV rates in the post-financial crisis period in Greece, read as follows:

HIV rates and heroin use have risen significantly, with about half of new HIV infections being self-inflicted in order to individuals to receive benefits of €700 per month and faster admission onto drug substitution programmes. Prostitution and unsafe sex has also risen; likely a response to economic hardships.

The material should have read as follows:

HIV rates and heroin use have risen significantly, with about half of new HIV infections attributed to injection drug and the other half to a rise in prostitution and associated unsafe sex, likely a reflection of economic hardship among women. There are reports of deliberate self-infection by a few individuals in order to individuals to receive benefits of €700 per month and faster admission onto drug substitution programmes.

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