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Prof. Celia Morgan is Head of Ketamine-Assisted Psychotherapy for alcohol use disorder practice at Awakn Life Sciences, a biotechnology company with clinical operations, developing and delivering psychedelic therapeutics (medicines and therapies) to better treat addiction.

Prof. Morgan completed her undergraduate degree and PhD at University College London (UCL) and completed a scholarship programme at Yale University. After working at University of Melbourne, Australia, as a visiting research fellow, she returned to UCL for Lectureship before joining University of Exeter as a Senior Lecturer in 2013; and was given a Chair in Psychopharmacology in 2015.

Prof. Morgan holds an Honorary Readership at University College London, is the academic lead for both Exeter Translational Addiction Partnership and is the head of psychology at the School of Psychology, Exeter.

Through behavioural, neuroimaging studies and clinical trials, Prof. Morgan has investigated the effects of ketamine and MDMA in combination with psychological therapies aimed at the treatment of addiction.

She carried out the ground-breaking Ketamine for reduction of Alcoholic Relapse (KARE) trial – a recent randomised controlled trial exploring combined use of psychological therapy and a low dose of ketamine as a possible treatment for alcoholism – the first of its kind.

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