



Cambridgeshire

- Local intelligence indicates that we are seeing an increase in Cocaine and Crack cocaine use across the county.
- With the reductions in Heroin supply expected as result of regime change in Afghanistan, we are monitoring any reported changes in Heroin price and purity.
- Reports of vapes believed to contain THC and SCRA have also been received.
- Reports of Ketamine use within the younger drug using population have also been received and a small number of detections in toxicology reports have also been observed.
- Toxicology reports indicate that we seeing an increase of individuals found with multiple substances within their systems at time of death.



National

- Reports of drug related deaths involving nitazenes continue with recent reports indicating heightened activity in London and the West Midlands.
- Nationally over 110 deaths have now been linked to Nitazenes.
- Nitazenes have now been found in seized heroin samples along with adulterated counterfeit benzodiazepines.
- Historic detections of nitazenes are also being reported as delayed toxicology reports are received.
- Xylazine a veterinary sedative has also become a drug of concern and services are exercising caution as it has been linked to a death in the UK and reports from the USA show an increasing trend in its use.
- We are also receiving reports of very strong synthetic cannabinoids being seen in London and Lincolnshire.



Other news

- Counterfeit diazepam tablets continue to be a concern with samples seized and tested by police found to contain Metonitazine, Bromazolam & Pregablin.
- Nitazenes have received interest in the national media as concerns about its fatal effects heighten.
- See below Podcast link
- [Nitazenes and xylazine: what's behind the rise of dangerous synthetic drugs? | podcast | Science | The Guardian](#)

OVERDOSE.
KNOW THE
SIGNS.

OVERDOSE
DEATH IS
PREVENTABLE.

Stay Safe

- Don't use alone have someone with you
- Go low and slow – use smaller amounts than you normally would and wait before continuing.
- Smoke heroin rather than inject.
- Make sure you have a naloxone kit and have it to hand.
- Don't use heroin with other depressants.
- Particularly avoid consuming other depressants that can increase the risk of respiratory arrest such as: alcohol, pregabalin, gabapentin or other opiates.
- Be ready to call for help – urgent medical intervention may make all the difference.

Naloxone saves lives

Naloxone and needle and syringe provision can be sourced from CGL or participating local community pharmacy



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Local Drug Information System

Please help us monitor drug related harm

Has a client had a recent overdose or witnessed a recent overdose?

Has a client experienced a drug that was stronger than expected or felt different to normal?

If the answer to either of the above is yes, please consider completing an LDIS form using the QR code provided.

