

Determining local NPS use

Using the Integrated Monitoring System (IMS) to collect information about local NPS use



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- Long term interest in NPS
- Recently hosted seminar on NPS funded by Economic and Social Research Council
- Partner of the EMCDDA monitoring of new and novel drugs through early warning system
- Focus now on the effect of 2016 Psychoactive Substances Act

First Day, first seizure in Crawley by PC
Goater! One and only one warning
given. #NoSecondChance
#PoppersIncluded



Joshua Dixon tweeted:

"@Crawley-Police are you sure you're meant to be confiscating poppers? x."



Crawley Police
@Crawley_Police



 Follow

Crawley Police can announce that the 'poppers' were seized in error in good faith. All goods will be returned to the shops with apologies.

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 East Grinstead, South East

NPS Bill – a quick introduction

Potential strengths:

Reduced availability because of headshop closures

Reduces availability without directly criminalising users

Simplified enforcement

Popular with general public and some campaigners

Research into NPS still technically possible

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Potential weaknesses:

Simplistic response to complex problem

Bill does not take into account differential harms of NPS

Takes precautionary principle to extreme

Reinforces artificial distinction between alcohol/tobacco and other drugs

Lost opportunity for retailers as harm reduction agents

Impact on open discussion via forums (peer harm reduction)

Might be adopted by new or existing criminal networks

Mephedrone experience showed prevalence down but treatment up since 2010

Deaths from NPS relatively rare

Changes role of ACMD

How is “psychoactive” defined?

Things you own which the legal highs bill is going to make illegal

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NPS Ban – Ireland's experience

- Irish ban in 2010 shows limited success
- Use increased from 16% in 2011 to 22% in 2014
- Use among young people highest in EU (13%)
- Only 4 successful prosecutions
- Increase ordering online

Quotes on NPS ban

Norman Baker: “The ban is the right thing to do. It came out of an independent study into these substances which I set up when drugs minister... Legal highs present more of a danger to users than many long-prohibited drugs, especially cannabis.”

David Nutt: “It will be a scary market, and there will be much less safety. Deaths will increase. There will be no quality control – people won’t stop using legal highs, they will just use more dangerous ones.”

Harry Shapiro, Drugwise: “The problem will almost certainly be that legal highs will just become street drugs. The same people selling heroin and crack will simply add this to their repertoire.”

<http://www.cph.org.uk/blog/the-new-psychoactive-substances-bill-a-quick-introduction/>

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The new Psychoactive Substances Bill – a quick introduction

4 June 2015 | [Professor Harry Sumnall](#), [Amanda Atkinson](#)

At CPH we undertake a number of projects in relation to recreational drugs newly emerging on the market (i.e. products known as new psychoactive substances [NPS], legal highs, research chemicals etc). This includes coordination of the UK arm of the [EMCDDA Early Warning System](#) on behalf of the UK Focal Point, lab work with our LJMU pharmacy colleagues to [identify marketed products](#), [surveys](#) of use in young people, [pan-EU projects analysing online markets](#), local needs assessment work, PhD research into [drug diffusion](#), as well as public speaking and education and training initiatives with those working in the field.

The UK Government has recently [announced](#) that it intends to introduce legislation that will seek to eradicate the market in these drugs. As the Labour party has also previously discussed its support for similar approaches it is likely to be voted through the House of Commons. Although the precise details of the bill, if it receives Royal Assent, remain to be determined, it is clear that the new approach represents a major shift in our approach to the control and regulation of drugs.

There has already been lots of public attention on the Bill, drug policy is always a public interest

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Collecting data on NPS

- Difficulties with collecting data from existing systems
- North West Ambulance data around 500 cases during 2015
- Existing relationship with services across region
- Existing IMS system ideal tool for capturing information

IMS Online



Current Client

Dave
Test
05/08/1984 (31 years old)
Male

≡ Transactions

🔍 Interventions

📄 Assessments

😊 Wellbeing

📄 Referrals

📄 Notes

📄 REST Assessment

📄 Contact Details

📄 Young Person Outcomes

📄 NPS (Legal Highs)

📄 Steroid & IPEDs

📄 Naloxone

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Add Assessment

Initial Assessment

Date:

Substance 1:

Substance 2:

Substance 3:

Injecting Status:

Used NPS (Legal Highs or Club Drugs)?:

Drink Days:

Drink Units:

AUDIT Score:

Dual Diagnosis?:

Key Worker:

GP Code:

Postcode:

🔍 Lookup Postcode

DAT:

Lat:

Referral Source:

Disability:

Accommodation:

Employment:

Parental Status:

No. of Children:

IMS Online



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Date	Category	Type
24/02/2015	Brief Intervention	Alcohol Drop-in
03/10/2014	Brief Intervention	Counselling Session
03/10/2014	Brief Intervention	Alcohol Drop-in
01/09/2014	Brief Intervention	Alcohol Drop-in

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+ Add Intervention

IMS Online – NPS module

IMS
Integrated monitoring system

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Add NPS

Date Reported:

Substance: *

Street/brand name: Other Info: Frequency: *

Source: Other Info:

Route of administration: Other Info:

Age of first use:

Last used:

Dosage taken:

Effects experienced:

Notes:

✕ Cancel Save

IMS Online – NPS module



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Date Reported: 02/06/2016

Substance: *

Street/brand name: NPS - predominantly stimulant
NPS - predominantly hallucinogenic
NPS - predominantly dissociative
NPS - predominantly sedative or opioid
NPS - predominantly cannabis
NPS - effects different, or not stated

Source: Amphetamines
Cocaine
GHB/GBL
Ketamine
Lysergide (LSD)
MDMA
Mephedrone
Methamphetamine
Nitrous oxide

Route of administration: Volatile Nitrate / Amyl Nitrate (Poppers)
Drug – not otherwise specified

Age of first use:

Last used:

Dosage taken:

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Other Info:

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Other Info:

2-DPMP
5-EAPD
5-IAI
5-MeO-DALT
6-APB
Afghan Incense
Alchemy
AMT
Annihilation
Aroma
Ayahuasca
B2
Banshee Dust
Bath Salts
Beans
Beladonna
Benzo fury

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Source: **Other Info:**

Route of administration: **Other Info:**

Age of first use:

Last used:

Dosage taken:

Effects experienced:

Notes:

IMS Online – NPS module

Source:	<input type="text" value="From a friend"/>	Other Info:
Route of administration:	<input type="text" value="Sniff"/>	Other Info:
Age of first use:	<input type="text" value="23"/>	
Last used:	<input type="text" value="25/05/2016"/>	
Dosage taken:	<input type="text" value="3 lines"/>	
Effects experienced	<input type="text" value="More alert, heightened se"/>	
Notes:	<input type="text"/>	

NPS data collection

- Five local authority areas: Wirral, Warrington, Liverpool, St Helens, Cheshire West
- Adult services, young people's services, syringe exchanges
- Routinely asking all individuals
- Data collected from May 2016-March 2017
- Quarterly updates
- Published in 2016/17 IMS report

NPS data collection

- Monitors trends
- Identify new substances
- Identify harms
- Will assist with establishing service provision