



Cheshire and Mersey LDIS Drug sample disposal and testing form

This process is to be followed where a sample of an unknown substance has been obtained and requires Merseyside or Cheshire Police to dispose of it. There is provision within the *Misuse of Drugs Act* to hand over controlled drug samples to the police for disposal¹. Those samples submitted by using the following process will be tested through the *LDIS* for public health purposes if there has been unexpected adverse effect, and as soon as possible if there is thought to be a potential continued risk to life through further exposure to similar substances. *This may include testing for suspected synthetic opioids/xylazine identified through a positive testing strip.*

1. **As soon as possible, place the sample in a secure location.** Do not directly touch the sample - use disposable gloves if you have them and a face mask where possible. If you are a professional, follow all relevant protocols/procedures, informing your line manager of the situation as soon as possible.

2. **As soon as possible, Contact the Police** by either (a) calling **101** or (b) via **Online reporting** on the Merseyside/Cheshire Police website.
 - a. **Dialling 101:** Explain that you have a controlled drug sample for disposal through the *Cheshire and Mersey LDIS*. They will give you a *Police incident log number*. If they require the specific contact details of an officer, use: *For Merseyside Police: Inspector Sue Stribling, Project ADDER. For Cheshire Police: Cheshire's Strategic Lead DCI Nick Henderson.*

 - b. **Online reporting:** Direct links to the relevant reporting section are:
 - Merseyside Police: Controlled.Drug.Alert@merseyside.police.uk
 - Cheshire Police: <https://www.cheshire.police.uk/ro/report/>

Complete the details as requested, explaining that you have a controlled drug sample for disposal/testing through the *Cheshire and Mersey LDIS*. The specific contact details of an officer are listed above. You will also be provided with a *Police incident log number* through the online reporting system.

3. **Fill out the form on the next page and keep it with the drug sample.** You will need a *Police incident log number*.

4. **IMPORTANT** - If the sample has caused an unexpected adverse effect, suspected synthetic opioids/xylazine have been identified possibly through a positive testing strip or there is a continued risk to life through further exposure to similar substances, then please also **inform the Cheshire and Mersey LDIS** as soon as possible via <https://ims.ljmu.ac.uk/LDIS/> or by emailing LDIS@ljmu.ac.uk

¹ The relevant section of the Misuse of Drugs Act is [Section 5 \(4\) - Restriction of possession of controlled drugs](#).

Cheshire and Mersey LDIS Drug sample disposal and testing form

Part 1: TO BE COMPLETED BY PERSON REPORTING

Name:

Date:

Organisation:

Briefly describe the situation under which the sample was obtained, any adverse effects, harm caused and further possible risk:

What is sample believed to be:

Brief description of the substance including physical characteristics

Police incident log number:

Part 2: TO BE COMPLETED BY OFFICER

In non-evidential cases, please book into your own system and add *C&M LDIS* into the Operation field. Please email:

For Merseyside Police: Email FIB.Drug.Support.Unit@merseyside.police.uk and Controlled.Drug.Alert@merseyside.police.uk

For Cheshire Police: Email the Drug Expert Mailbox drug.expert.evidence@cheshire.police.uk with full details, including property reference.

OIC/OBI Details:

Ref no: