

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. 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. The sample should contain at least 50mg (a couple of good “pinches”) of material to be sufficient for testing.
- Report the case to the **Cheshire and Mersey LDIS** as soon as possible via <https://ims.ljmu.ac.uk/LDIS/> or by emailing LDIS@ljmu.ac.uk You will receive an email by return with an LDIS case number.
- As soon as possible, contact the police force for your area:**

For Cheshire:



Please dial 101 and 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, this is: *Cheshire’s Strategic Lead DCI Nick Henderson*.

You can also report the case via <https://www.cheshire.police.uk/ro/report/> which will generate a police ID number.

For Merseyside:



Please email the following address, attaching the form overleaf as an attachment:

Controlled.Drug.Alert@merseyside.police.uk

Please note in the email that you have a controlled drug sample for disposal/testing through the Cheshire and Mersey LDIS. *For Merseyside Police, the named LDIS lead is D/Insp Gary Stratton.*

- Print out the form and keep it with the drug sample. Do not include the form in the same sealed sample.**

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

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Part 1: TO BE COMPLETED BY PERSON REPORTING

LDIS ID NUMBER

Please ensure that the case has been entered onto the LDIS portal first which will generate an ID number once submitted by return of email. Please include this number above.

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 (where provided)

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: