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 <u>tweeted</u>: "@Crawley-Police are you sure you're meant to be confiscating poppers? x."







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



NPS Bill – a quick introduction

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?

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







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-psychoactivesubstances-bill-a-quick-introduction/



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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Niamh Eastwood Research in Focus Seminar on Human Rights 11th May 2016

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Beyond what we eat and weigh:



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

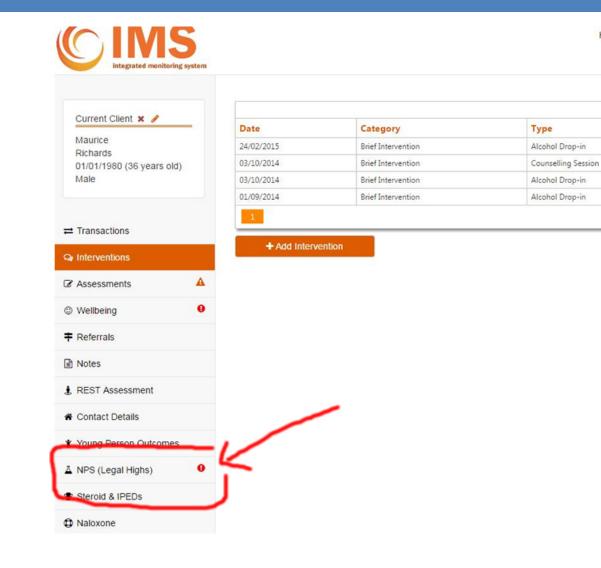


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Contact Details			
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IPS (Legal Highs)	Dual Diagnosis?:	Parental Status:	
steroid & IPEDs		No. of Children:	
aloxone	Key Worker:		
	GP Code:		

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Current Client 🗸 🥜	Add NPS						
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Referrals							
Notes	Dosage taken:						
REST Assessment	Effects experienced						
Contact Details	Notes:						
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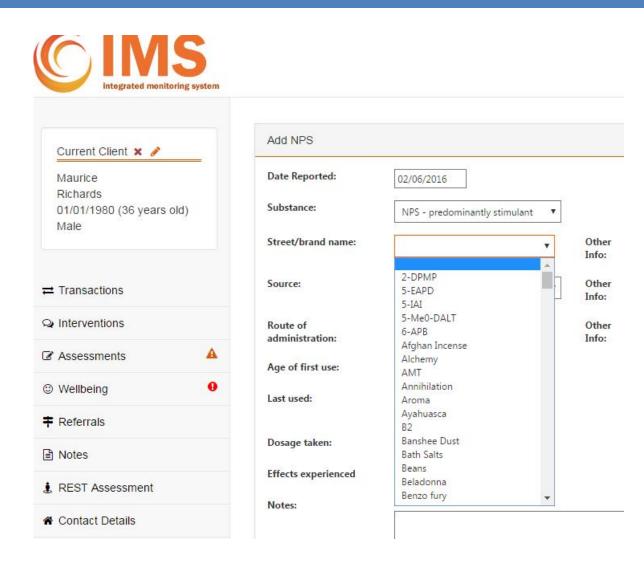
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Maurice Richards	Date Reported:	Date Reported: 02/06/2016				
01/01/1980 (36 years old) Male	Substance:	*				
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➡ Transactions	Source:	NPS - predominantly dissociative NPS - predominantly sedative or opioid NPS - predominantly cannabis Inf				
⊋ Interventions	Route of	NPS - effects different, or not stated Amphetamines Ot				
Assessments	administration:	Cocaine Inf GHB/GBL				
	Age of first use:	Ketamine				
Wellbeing	Last used:	Lysergide (LSD) MDMA Mephedrone				
Referrals		Methamphetamine				
≧ Notes	Dosage taken:	Nitrous oxide Volatile Nitrate / Amyl Nitrate (Poppers) Drug – not otherwise specified				
	Effects experienced					

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Interventions	Route of administration:	From a friend From a dealer, who you know	Other Info:
Assessments	Age of first use:	From a dealer, who you don't know Someone at house party Someone at gig, festival, club	
Wellbeing 9	Last used:	Online website High street - headshop etc.	
Referrals		Other (please specify) Not known	
Notes	Dosage taken:		
REST Assessment	Effects experienced		
Contact Details	Notes:		

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source:	From a friend	•	Info:
Route of administration:	Sniff •		Other Info:
Age of first use:	23		
Last used:	25/05/2016		
Dosage taken:	3 lines		
Effects experienced	More alert, heightened se		
Notes:			



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

