Key facts for England

Latest available drug misuse figures show:

- **One in 12 adults** reported to have taken an illicit drug in England and Wales in 2012-13. This is about 2.7 million people and is a nine per cent fall on 2011-12.

- There were nearly **three times as many males** as females admitted to hospital in 2012-13 with a primary diagnosis of drug-related mental health and behavioural disorders.

- In 2012-13 there were 61,100 **admissions to hospital** with a primary or secondary diagnosis of a **drug-related mental health and behaviour disorder**, and this is a six per cent rise on 2011-12 when this was about 57,800.

- In 2012-13 there were more than **12,200 hospital admissions** with a primary diagnosis of poisoning by illicit drugs and this was similar in the previous year.

- About **one in three** drug-related hospital admissions were aged 25-34 years.

- Just under **one in five school pupils** reported to have ever taken drugs in 2012 and this is similar to the figure in 2011.

- **Cannabis** was the **most commonly used drug** in 2012-13 in both adults and children, and this was the same in the previous year.

- There were almost **1,500 drug-related deaths** across England and Wales in 2012, and **seven in ten** of these were due to **accidental poisoning**.
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