

DRUG MISUSE



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FINDINGS FROM THE 2017/18 CRIME SURVEY FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Among 16-59 year olds...

7.2% used cannabis

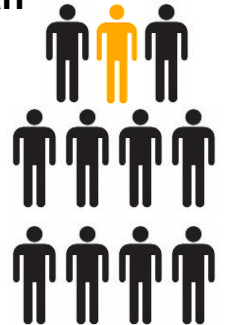
2.6% used powder cocaine

1.7% used ecstasy

0.4% took new psychoactive substances (NPS)

1 in 11

used an
illicit
drug



...in the last year

Among 16-24s...

1 in 5 used an illicit drug



1.2% took new
psychoactive substances

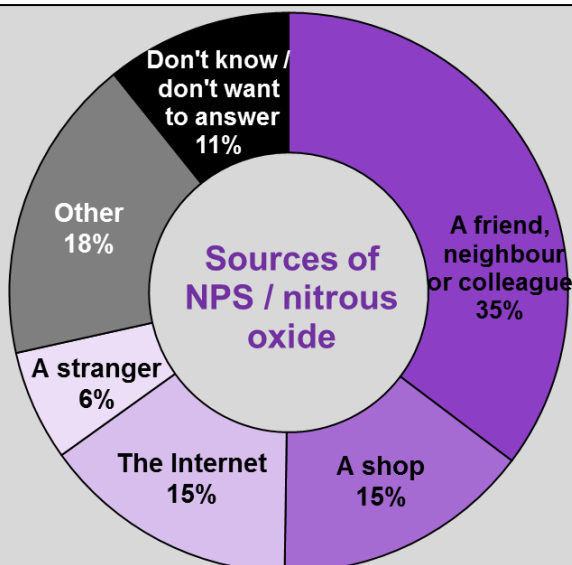
...in the last year

2.1% of 16-59s are
frequent* drug users

4.1% of 16-24s are frequent* drug users

The majority of ecstasy and powder cocaine users only take the drug once or twice a year

34% of cannabis users aged 16-59 are frequent* users



The type of NPS most recently used was most likely to be a herbal smoking mixture (33%)

The source of NPS or nitrous oxide was most likely to be from a friend, neighbour or colleague, which was most likely to have originated from the Internet

NPS use among 16 to 59 year olds has remained at 0.4%

Other includes: known dealer, unknown dealer, acquaintance and family member

* Frequent drug use is defined as taking an illicit drug more than once a month in the last year.

For more information: <https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/drug-misuse-findings-from-the-2017-to-2018-csew>