

DRUG MISUSE



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FINDINGS FROM THE 2016/17 CRIME SURVEY FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Among 16-59 year olds...

6.6% used cannabis

2.3% used powder cocaine

1.3% used ecstasy

0.4% took new psychoactive substances (NPS)

1 in 12

used an illicit drug



...in the last year

Among 16-24s...

1 in 5 used an illicit drug



1.2% took new psychoactive substances

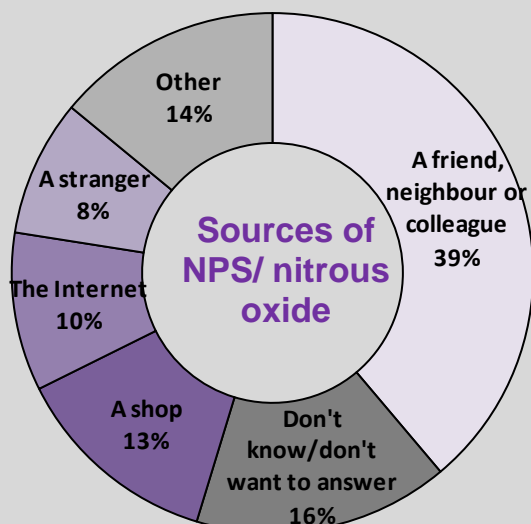
...in the last year

2.0% of 16-59s are frequent* drug users

4.2% of 16-24s are frequent* drug users

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

37% of cannabis users aged 16-59 are frequent* users



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

The type of NPS most recently used was most likely to be a herbal smoking mixture (40%)

The source of NPS was most likely to be from a friend, neighbour or colleague

NPS use among 16 to 59 year olds has significantly decreased in the last year, from 0.7% to 0.4%

* 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-2016-to-2017-csew>