

# WEDI NOS

The logo consists of the text 'WEDI' stacked above 'NOS' in a bold, black, sans-serif font. A red ECG line starts at the bottom left, crosses the 'W' and 'E' of 'WEDI', and continues horizontally across the top of 'NOS'. A white silhouette of a person stands on the right side of the red line, with a grey shadow cast to the right.

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# July 2023

- 498 samples analysed (47 NTE, 451 community submissions)
  - 70 substances identified either in isolation or combination
  - Samples received from across UK
    - 21 services
      - Including: Health, Substance Misuse Services, Mental Health, Housing and Homelessness and Night Time Economy venues
      - Alongside samples submitted anonymously by individuals

# Sex / age profile of sample providers



- Sex (where listed n= 436 of 450 community samples)
  - Male: 79% (n= 343)
  - Female: 21% (n= 93)
- Age
  - Range: 18 to 67yrs (Median: 34yrs)
  - Male age range: 18 to 67yrs (Median: 34yrs)
  - Female age range: 22 to 60yrs (Median: 35yrs)

# Community Submissions

(comparing top 10 purchase intent vs top 10 post analysis)

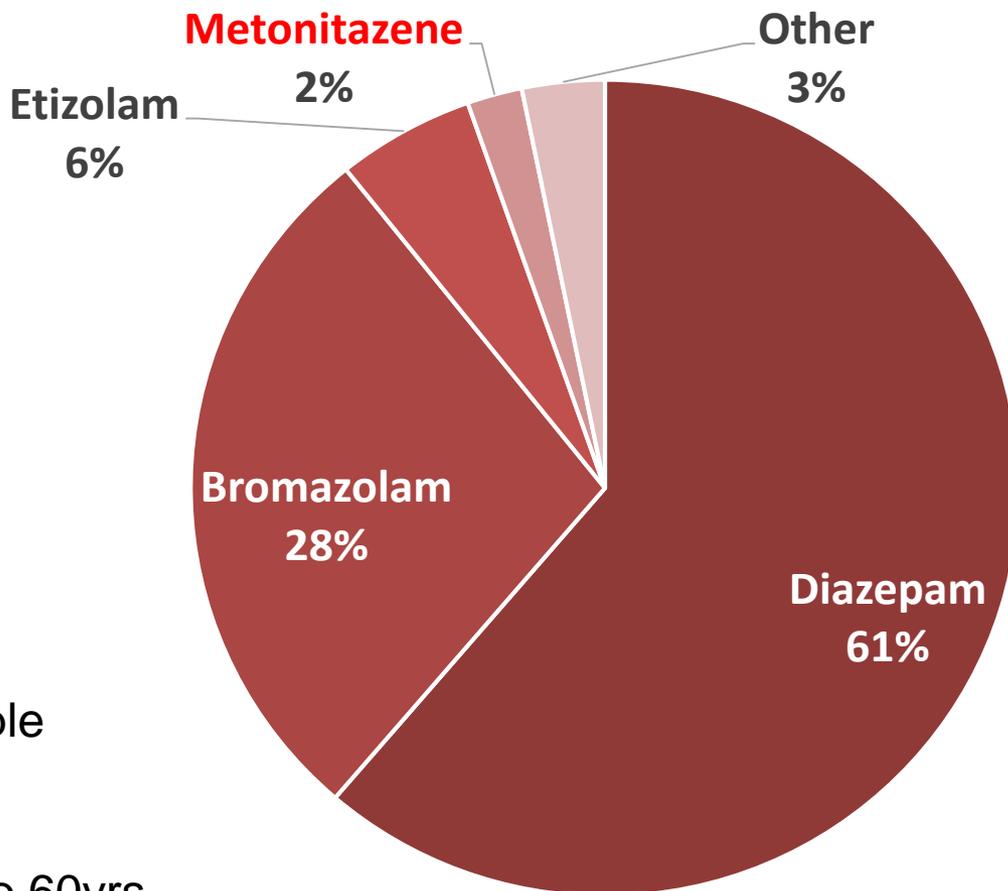
No.	Community purchase intent	Community post analysis
1	Diazepam	MDMA
2	MDMA	Diazepam
3	Alprazolam	Bromazolam
4	Unknown	Cocaine
5	Cocaine	Ketamine
6	THC	Caffeine
7	Ketamine	Tetrahydrocannabinol
8	Heroin	Alprazolam
9	Cannabis	Heroin
10	Amphetamine	Pregabalin

# Benzodiazepines

- 13 Benzodiazepines identified
  - Diazepam (93 purchase intent / 64 identifications)
  - Bromazolam ( purchase intent / 56 identifications)
  - Alprazolam (45 purchase intent / 21 identifications)
  - Etizolam (3 purchase intent / 9 identifications)
  - Clonazepam (6 purchase intent / 6 identifications)
  - Lorazepam (4 purchase intent / 5 identifications)
  - Temazepam (5 purchase intent / 2 identifications)
  - Nitrazepam
  - Flubromazolam
  - Flunitrazolam

**Purchase intent and  
identifications <5**

# Contents of samples submitted as Diazepam: July 2023 (n=93)



Diazepam sample providers:

Age range: 18 to 60yrs  
Median: 33yrs

# Focus on: Metonitazene profiled within samples purchased as Diazepam

Two samples submitted in the belief that they were diazepam (a benzodiazepine) in July, were profiled following analysis as containing the potent synthetic opioid, metonitazene. As a very potent substance, supplied in unknown dosages there is an increased risk of overdose and acute harms.

Also consider ad benzodiazepines and opioids can both cause respiratory depression; when used together, additive effects on the central nervous system increase the risks of sedation, respiratory depression, coma, and death

## W037575

Date Received: 26 Jul 2023

Postcode: SA18 -

Purchase Intent: Diazepam

Package Label: Diazepam

Sample Colour: Blue

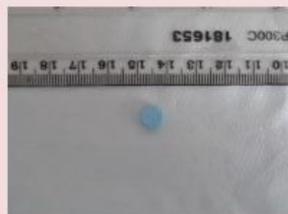
Sample Form: Tablet

Consumption Method: Oral

Self-Reported Effects: Chest Pains, Irregular Heartbeat

Sample Upon Analysis (Major): Metonitazene

Sample Upon Analysis (Minor):



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## W037287

Date Received: 18 Jul 2023

Postcode: CF10 -

Purchase Intent: Valium

Package Label: Diazepam

Sample Colour: Blue

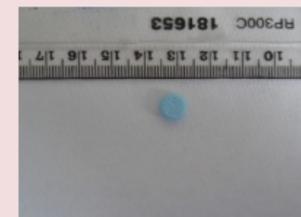
Sample Form: Tablet

Consumption Method: Oral

Self-Reported Effects: Not Stated

Sample Upon Analysis (Major): Metonitazene

Sample Upon Analysis (Minor): Bromazolam



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