

# 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' in 'WEDI', and continues horizontally across the 'I' in 'WEDI' and the 'N' in 'NOS'. A white silhouette of a person stands inside the 'I' in 'WEDI', with a grey shadow cast to the right. The background is white.

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# October 2022

- 502 samples analysed (8 CJS, 494 community submissions)
  - 82 substances identified
  - Samples received from across UK
    - 18 services
      - Including: Health, Substance Misuse Services, Housing and Homelessness and Welsh Prisons
      - Alongside samples submitted anonymously by individuals

# Sex / age profile of sample providers



- Sex (where listed n=477 of 494 community samples)
  - Male: 77% (n=366)
  - Female: 23% (n=111)
- Age
  - Range: 14 to 75yrs (Median: 36yrs)
  - Male age range: 14 to 75yrs (Median: 36yrs)
  - Female age range: 17 to 71yrs (Median: 36yrs)

# Community Submissions

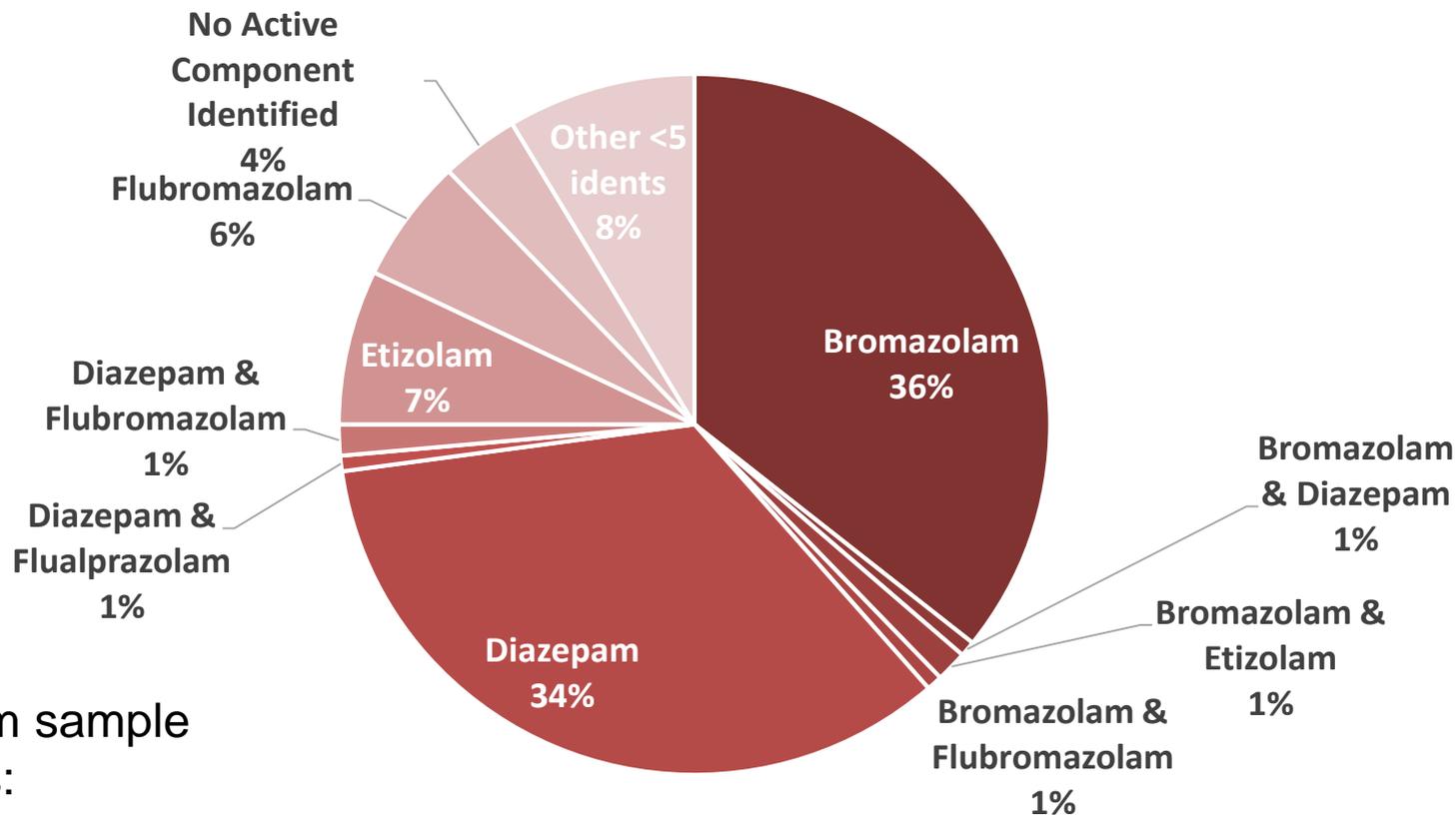
No.	Community purchase intent	Community post analysis
1	Diazepam	Bromazolam
2	MDMA	MDMA
3	Cocaine	Cocaine
4	Alprazolam	Diazepam
5	Ketamine	Ketamine
6	Unknown	Alprazolam
7	Mephedrone	Etizolam
8	Zopiclone	Caffeine
9	Amphetamine	Tetrahydrocannabinol
10	THC	Flubromazolam

# Benzodiazepines

- 12 Benzodiazepines identified
  - Bromazolam (2 purchase intent / 77 identifications)
  - Diazepam (140 purchase intent / 52 identifications)
  - Alprazolam (43 purchase intent / 19 identifications)
  - Etizolam (4 purchase intent / 18 identifications)
  - Flubromazolam (16 purchase intent / 0 identifications)
  - Flualprazolam
  - Clonazepam
  - Lorazepam
  - Diclazepam
  - Methylclonazepam
  - Clobromazolam
  - Deschloroetizolam
  - Flubromazepam

**Purchase intent and  
identifications <10**

# Contents of samples submitted as Diazepam: Oct 2022



Diazepam sample providers:

Age range: 16 to 75yrs  
Median: 37

# Strange and Unusual

Purchased as a Cannabis edible, submitted from Glasgow. Profiled following analysis as containing the synthetic cannabinoid receptor agonist (SCRA), ADB-HINACA

## W028966

Date Received: 19 Oct 2022

Postcode: GL5 -

Purchase Intent: THC Edibles

Package Label: PF Edibles

Sample Colour: Green

Sample Form: Solid

Consumption Method: Not Stated

Self-Reported Effects: Not Stated

Sample Upon Analysis (Major): ADB-HINACA

Sample Upon Analysis (Minor):



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The term 'synthetic cannabinoids' covers all synthetic substances that bind to one of the two known cannabinoid receptors (CB1 or CB2). Most SCRA's have higher affinities for the CB1 receptor than tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) and are full agonists of this site. THC in comparison acts as a partial agonist

# Strange and Unusual

Purchased as Oxycodone, submitted from Leeds. Profiled following analysis as containing the synthetic opioid, metonitazene

## W028762

Date Received: 07 Oct 2022

Postcode: LS11 -

Purchase Intent: Oxycodone

Package Label: Not Stated

Sample Colour: Yellow

Sample Form: Tablet

Consumption Method: Not Stated

Self-Reported Effects: Not Stated

Sample Upon Analysis (Major): Metonitazene

Sample Upon Analysis (Minor):



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*“The analgesic effects of metonitazene have been studied in preclinical models, indicating a potency of between 30-200 times that of morphine (depending on the administration route and animal model). Metonitazene’s respiratory depressant effects have been estimated at 50 times greater than morphine”* (World Health Organisation, Critical Review Report: Metonitazene, (N,N-diethyl-2-[(4-methoxyphenyl)methyl]-5-nitro-1H-benzimidazole-1-ethanamine, October 2021)