



SCRAs

Legal Highs, Spice

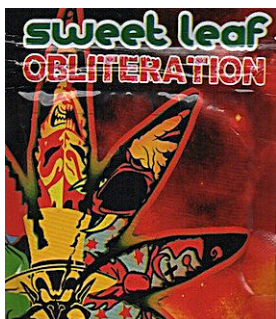
Synthetic Cannabinoid Receptor Agonists (SCRAs)

- Bind to one of the two known cannabinoid receptors (CB1 or CB2)
- SCRAs have been found to 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

These substances have been associated with hospitalisation and fatalities across the UK.

Harm Reduction Messages:

- These products are synthetic, not herbal
- Potency varies between brands and even packets of the same brand
- Start with a very small dose (match-head size or less)



MDMA

aka ECSTASY

Of the MDMA / 'Ecstasy' samples submitted to WEDINOS in the last year 47% did not contain MDMA.

Other substances identified include: synthetic cathinones, piperazines, synthetic cannabinoid receptor agonists and image and performance enhancing drugs.

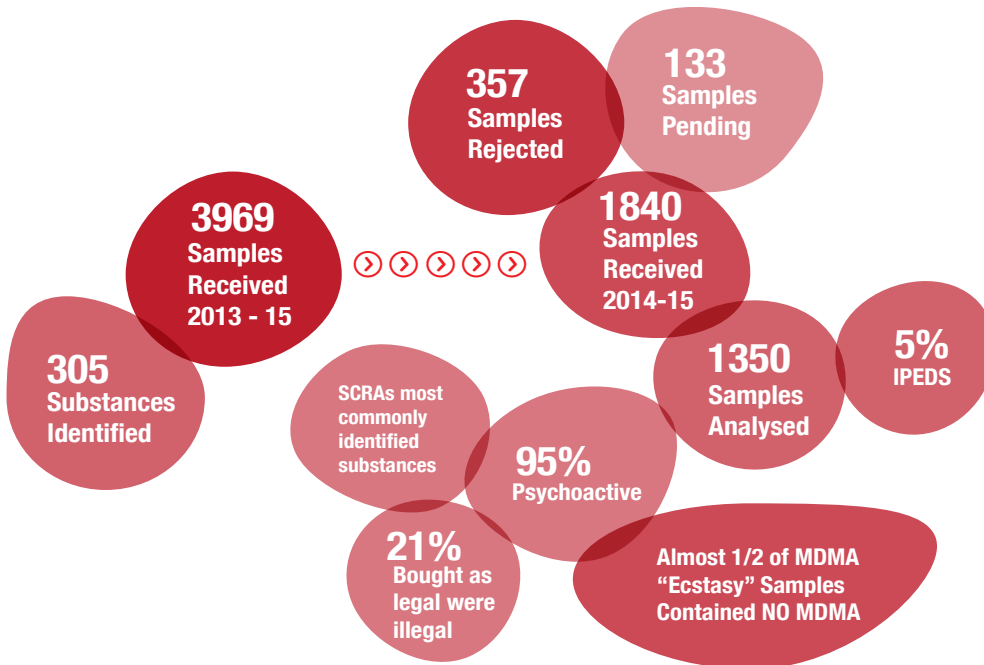
Harm Reduction Messages:

- Always start with a low dose and wait an hour or two
- If the effects take longer than you expect, don't assume your substance is poor quality – it may be something different
- Keep hydrated, sip water at regular intervals, but don't drink too much

Synthetic Opioids e.g. Oxycodone, Acetyl Fentanyl, Thiofentanyl

Several samples analysed by WEDINOS have been found to contain fentanyl type substances. Worryingly, in each case the purchase intent differed from actual content. In each case the substance profiled was far more potent than the one believed to have been purchased. Fentanyl type substances are **naloxone reversible**, however, due to its higher potency than heroin it may require a larger dose.

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Trends in substance use vary across Wales, and even within health board areas. For more information on samples tested in your locality please visit: <http://www.wedinos.org/db/samples> and search by local authority.

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'Legal highs, club drugs, designer drugs, new psychoactives...'
Drug markets are changing.
It can be hard to get accurate information and stay safe.
WEDINOS tests substances to give individual users and others rapid and accurate information to reduce harms.

COLLECTING, TESTING, INFORMING

Sample Testing
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Find your sample results here and results of other WEDINOS tests.

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Click here for more information on a range of substances.

Following a review by the WEDINOS Programme Board, it has been decided that as of 25th July 2014, no further samples of Steroids and/or Image Enhancing drugs (SIEDs) will be tested by WEDINOS. For further information please click [here](#).

WEDINOS is a harm reduction project, and reflects trends in substance use. It is therefore important that samples are submitted with a completed 'Effects Record' and correct postcode information, including samples from outside of Wales. This does not affect your anonymity.

Any samples with web generated reference numbers (WXXXXXX) that do not have a completed 'Effects Record' or conflicting information re: correct postcode will not have their results published.

EWS Alerts
Identified in Greece: [2-methyl-2-(propylamino)propyl] benzoate (Epirocaine). Epirocaine is an ester-type local anaesthetic, structurally related to dimethocaine a synthetic derivative of cocaine with local anaesthetic and stimulant properties and acts as a dopamine reuptake inhibitor.

News
Shooting up report: Infections among people who inject drugs in the UK, an update November 2013. This annual national report describes trends in the extent of infections and associated risks and behaviours among people who inject drugs in the UK to the end of 2014: <http://tinyurl.com/7tg5rd>

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For further substance specific information and harm related advice, or to submit a sample, please visit www.wedinos.org and select the relevant option.

If you or you have someone you are with is beginning to experience unexpected effects, or have concerns around your own or another's welfare call NHS Direct Wales on: **0845 46 47**
In case of emergency call: **999**