

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

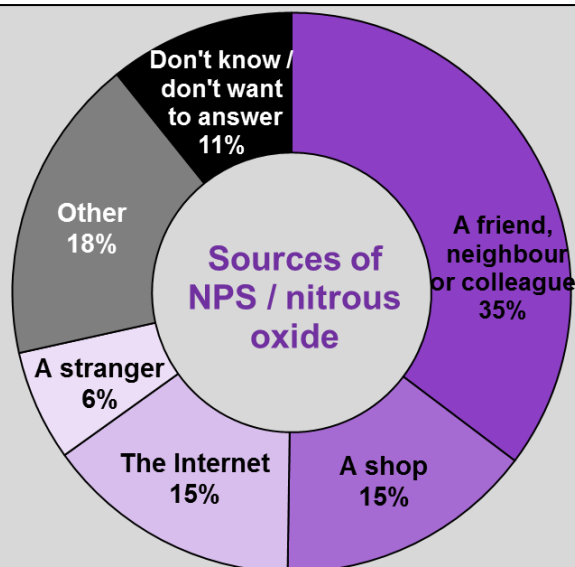
...in the **last year**

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



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 (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%

* 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>