

Retos de los OND ante una realidad compleja

Challenges of NDO in a complex context

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Recent developments:

- Changing nature of drug use
- Safer nightlife project
- New monitoring tools
- Synthetic opioid outbreak and response
- New National Drugs Strategy 2026-30

! HSE festival update !

Higher strength MDMA can increase risks for people at events this weekend

MDMA has changed, there are bigger pills containing from 143mg to 222mg of MDMA. This is double an average dose.

Don't be afraid to get medical help if you or a friend feels unwell after using drugs.

Appearance
Purple, pink, blue, and green MDMA (ecstasy) pills

Recommendation
It's safer not to use drugs at all. All MDMA has risk, you can't be sure of the contents or purity.
Treat MDMA pills, powders and crystals with caution, start low, go slow.

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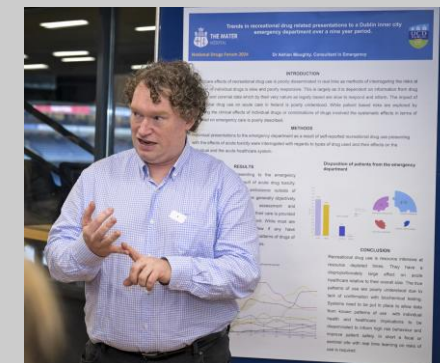
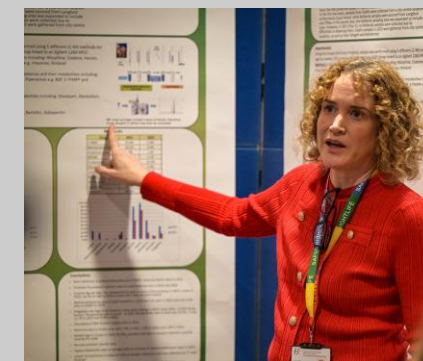
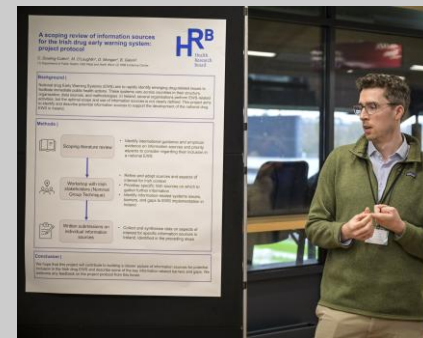


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Early warning and emerging trends

Focal point responsibilities:

- Annual situation report on implementation of regulation
- Member of national EWET committee
- Notifications to EWET



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Irish drug landscape

- Changing sociodemographic of people who use drugs
- Global impacts on Irish drug markets
- Changes in polydrug use behaviour



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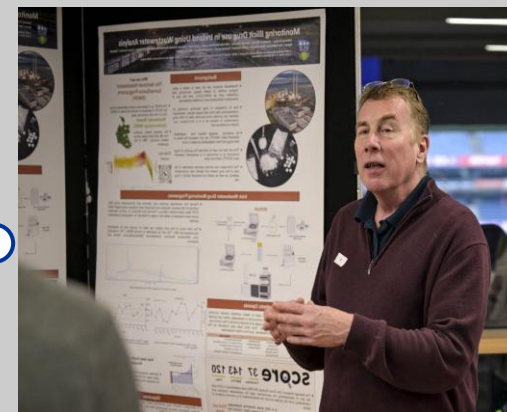
- Cocaine and crack cocaine
- New cannabis products
- Synthetic cannabinoids
- Synthetic opioids – nitazenes



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Monitoring and harm reduction in nightlife settings in Ireland

- European syringe analysis programme (ESCAPE)
- HSE Safer Nightlife Pilot Programme
- Pilot wastewater analysis project (SCORE)
- Key worker reporting forms – phone
- Web survey
- Hospital overdose data



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Emergence of synthetic opioids

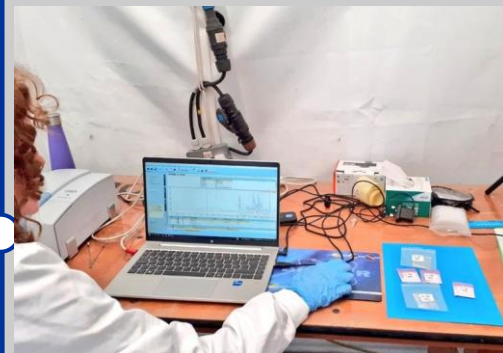
- Nitazene outbreak 2023/24
- Effective coordinated response.
- Ireland knowledge expert in managing outbreaks
- Need to establish permanent monitoring



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Building a new EWS

- DRUGWATCH.IE – a new EW platform
- Partnership:
 - National Focal Point
 - Health Service Executive
 - Department of Health
- Synthesising diffuse data and identifying signals
- Creating a new risk communication system



**HSE Drug Risk**

High strength cocaine concerns at Life

Higher strength cocaine causing aggression with mental and physical health problems.

Appearance
White powder.

Recommendation
It is always safer not to use. Remember HSE advice, start very low, go slow and avoid mixing.



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Signals detected and reported by EWS

EU reporting requirements	Unexpected or unusual events	Market-related incidents
Events involving new psychoactive substances under intensive monitoring	Outbreaks (including clusters) involving new psychoactive substances, controlled drugs, or any other substance.	Large seizures or other seizures of concern
Identifications of substances judged by the Member States to be new psychoactive substances.	Events involving substances of high concern	Mislabelling, substitution, and adulteration that could have a high public health impact, including synthetic opioids in fake medicines or heroin
First report in country of EUDA-monitored NPS	Detection of high strength/dose products	Incidents involving crime groups
	Infectious diseases (including biological contamination of substances)	

