

Introduction to the LDIS

B&NES Drug and Alcohol Public health team are launching their new Local drug information system (LDIS). The creation of the LDIS, alongside a drug alert system, has been designed to share intelligence efficiently and consistently on new and/or novel, potent, adulterated or contaminated drugs.

The LDIS process

1. Service is alerted

You are alerted to a substance that meets the LDIS criteria

2. Service reports concerns

You report concerns to B&NES public health team via: 1) Microsoft forms 2) Mailbox notification

3. Public health review

The public health team reviews the information you have provided - you may be contacted to provide additional information

4. LDIS Panel meeting - within 48 hours

A panel meeting will be arranged to discuss the alert raised - you may be invited to attend and provide more information

5. Decision and action

A panel decision will be made with next steps and recommendations

LDIS criteria:

- Substances causing acute medical, social, or emotional harm
- New or novel substances causing harm
- Substances that are anecdotally reported to have uncommon side effects – not normally associated with the substance
- Substances with a spike in purity or strength of their active ingredient
- Contaminated and/or adulterated substances
- Substances that are branded to mislead the user of the ingredients
- Emerging methods of mixing or ingesting substances that could be particularly hazardous

B&NES Local Drug Information System - reporting:

[Microsoft Form reporting](#)

[Email reporting](#)

