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A guide to common drug names in Scotland



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The purpose of this document is to provide a resource for emergency service call handlers to appropriately identify, categorise and coordinate the response to emergency call outs involving drugs.

It includes key street names of common drugs as well as brief descriptions of drug types and categories.

Drug names can change over time. Is there a common name we have missed out? Let us know at phs.drugsradar@phs.scot

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Guide to **A to Z**

Section title: e.g. Cannabinoids

This is the name of the category of drug. Drugs in the same category have similar effects.

Name, e.g. cannabis

This is the full name of the drug.

Important note

The drug taken may not always be the drug that it's expected to be. It may contain adulterants, be mis-sold or contain a different amount than anticipated.



Effects

These are the main effects of the drug category as reported in the resources. Effects are subjective and depend on the drug, set and setting.

Factors influencing overall effect include:

- **Drug** – type, frequency, amount, quality, route of administration and what it is mixed with.
- **Set** – person's age, sex, health, wellbeing, knowledge, experience and reasons for use.
- **Setting** – company, support, location and time.

Overdose signs

These are the most common signs of an overdose as reported in the resources. This list is not extensive.

There's a greater risk of overdose if someone mixes drugs, takes drugs alone, takes drugs after a break, takes more or higher-purity drugs than they are used to, or injects drugs.

Names

To inform the content of this resource PHS created a Drugs A–Z survey asking participants to rank street names using a scale of 1–5 where 1 means 'never heard before' and 5 means 'very common'. Participants were also asked to share common names not included in the survey. Each street name was given an average score from over 250 responses.

Names scoring:

- 4–5 are 'very common'
- 3–3.9 are 'common'
- less than 3 are classed as 'other'

We encourage people looking at this resource to learn the very common names for each drug. Where applicable, UK brand names are also given. As the street drugs market is unregulated, branding is no guarantee of contents.

Important note

Polydrug use is the use of more than one drug at a time. Polydrug use increases the risk of drug harms and death. This includes mixing alcohol with other drugs.



1

Cannabinoids

Cannabinoids are compounds that interact with the endocannabinoid system. They are found in the cannabis plant or can be produced synthetically in a laboratory.

Effects

anxiety, calmness, dry mouth, euphoria, increased heart rate, nausea, paranoia, red eyes, relaxation

Overdose signs

clammy skin, dizziness, severe nausea and vomiting, paleness, panic/fear, rapid heart rate

Cannabinoid hyperemesis syndrome (CHS)

CHS is a chronic sickness condition caused by the regular and prolonged use of cannabinoids. Symptoms include anxiety, cold sweats, constant feelings of nausea, diarrhoea, painful stomach cramps and vomiting.

1.1 Cannabis

Cannabis is a plant containing hundreds of cannabinoids, most notably THC (tetrahydrocannabinol) and CBD (cannabidiol).



Very common	Common	Other names
cannabis, dope, grass, green, hash, marijuana, weed	blow (also used to refer to cocaine), ganja, pot, reefer, resin, skunk, smoke	bud, herb, mary jane, MJ, pollen, soap bar, solid, THC, wacky backy

Other names refer to cannabis when it is in the form of a joint or rolled into a cigarette: doobie, J, jay, joint, spliff, zoot.

Names specifically used to refer to cannabis concentrates (products with a high level of THC) include budder, butane hash oil, oil, shatter.

1.2 Cannabis edibles



Edibles are food or drink products containing cannabis, often sweet products like cakes, sweets, juice or syrups. When swallowed, the effects take longer to come on and last longer than when inhaled.

Very common	Common	Other names
edibles	brownies, cakes, gummies, jellies (also used to refer to temazepam), space cakes	butter, cookies, eddies, sweets, yoghurt

Brand names

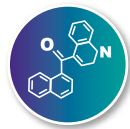
Edibles are often referred to by the name on the packet and the packet may use words such as 'THC', 'canna' or 'medicated'. They are often named after popular American sweet brands. Names include: air bites, air heads, calibo, canna ropes, canna burst, caribo, dank bites, gas heads, gushers, jolly ranchers, millions, nerd rope, peach-os, skittles, stoner patch dummies/sour patch kids, trolli, wonka bars.

Important note

Branding is no guarantee of ingredients or quality and contents of products with the same name can vary widely.



1.3 Synthetic cannabinoids



'Synthetic cannabinoids' is a term used to describe over 200 lab-made drugs that interact with the endocannabinoid system.

Often their effects are more harmful and unpredictable than cannabis.

In addition to general cannabinoid effects, synthetic cannabinoid effects include aggression, detachment from reality, difficulty moving, heart palpitations, increased heart rate, nausea, pallor, paranoia, red eyes and slurred speech.

Overdose signs

difficulty breathing, chest pains, psychosis, seizures, severe nausea and vomiting, snoring, unconsciousness

Very common	Other names
spice, synthetic cannabinoids	annihilation, black mamba, clockwork orange, K2, mamba, paper, prison weed, synthetic cannabinoid receptor agonists (SCRAs)

Important note

In the UK, vape oils and edibles sold as containing cannabis have been found to contain synthetic cannabinoids, which are significantly more harmful to health.



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Depressants

Depressant drugs depress the central nervous system (reduce heart rate and breathing).

Effects

blackouts, calmness, coma-like sleep, decreased breathing, decreased heart rate, drowsiness, euphoria, hypnotic (sleep-inducing), memory loss, relaxation, slowed/slurred speech

Overdose signs

blue/pale tingeing to lips and skin, cold and clammy skin, confusion, difficulty breathing, seizures, severe nausea and vomiting, slow or erratic pulse, snoring, unconsciousness

Important note

High risk especially when taken in high doses or mixed with other drugs.



2.1 Alcohol

Alcohol is a depressant drug. The alcohol found in alcoholic drinks is ethanol.



Names

bevy, booze, drink

It is common for alcohol to be referred to by its type such as vodka, beer and rum, or by its brand name such as Smirnoff, Tennent's and Bacardi.

2.2 Benzodiazepines



Benzodiazepines are depressant drugs with sedative and anxiolytic (anti-anxiety) effects. They are also known as tranquilisers.

Names for 'street benzos'

Very common	Common	Other
benzodiazepines, benzos, blues, valium, vallies	blueys, fake vallies, street benzos, street blues, street valium, street vallies, xanax	downers, scoobies, scoobs, up-johns, whites, yellows

Names for specific benzos

Name	Brand names	Street names
alprazolam	Xanax (licensed but not commonly prescribed)	bars, devils, hulks, xans (these names are used to describe Xanax bars but their contents vary widely and often they do not contain alprazolam)
diazepam	Valium	vallies
etizolam	Not licensed in UK	etties, etizzy, etty, tizzy
lorazepam	Ativan	–
nitrazepam	Mogadon	moggies
temazepam	Restoril	jellies

Chemical names of other benzos

bromazolam, bromonordiazepam, chlordiazepoxide (Librium)
clobromazolam, clonazepam, clonazolam, diclazepam,
flualprazolam, flubromazepam, flubromazolam, flunitrazepam
(Rohypnol), phenazepam

2.3 Gabapentinoids



Gabapentinoids are a group of depressant drugs, including gabapentin and pregabalin, that can be prescribed to treat epilepsy and neuropathic pain.

Name	Brand names	Street names
gabapentin	Neurontin	gabas, gabbies, gabs, johnnies
pregabalin	Lyrica	prees, pre-gabas, pre-gabbies, pre-gabs, pregga

2.4 GHB/GBL



GHB (gamma-hydroxybutyrate) and GBL (gamma-butyrolactone) are similar – GBL converts to GHB shortly after it enters the body. They are depressant drugs with sedating properties and are sometimes referred to as ‘date rape’ drugs in the media.

Very common	Other names
GBL, GHB	G, gina, liquid E, liquid ecstasy, liquid X

2.5 Z-drugs



Z-drugs are a group of depressant drugs similar to benzodiazepines that can be prescribed to aid sleep and treat insomnia.

Name	Brand names	Street names
zaleplon	Sonata	–
zolpidem	Ambien, Stilnoct	–
zopiclone	Zimovane	zimmos, zeas

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Dissociatives

Dissociatives are a category of drugs that can alter perceptions of reality, similar to psychedelics or hallucinogens. Some are used in medicine as anaesthetic and analgesic drugs.

Effects

analgesic (painkilling), calmness, detachment, dizziness, euphoria, feeling floaty, hallucinations, numbness, reduced coordination, relaxation, stimulation, time distortion, unconsciousness, unawareness

Overdose signs

cold and clammy skin, difficulty breathing, panic, fear, seizures, severe nausea and vomiting, slow or erratic pulse, snoring, unconsciousness

3.1 Ketamine

Ketamine is a dissociative drug with painkilling effects that is usually found as a white crystalline/shard-like powder.



Important note

Repeated, high doses of ketamine can cause serious (and sometimes permanent) damage to the urinary tract and bladder. Symptoms of damage include cramps, abdominal pain, difficulty urinating, frequently urinating and blood in urine.



Very common	Common	Other names
ket, ketamine	K, special K	horse (also used to refer to heroin), horse tranquilliser, kit-kat, vitamin K

3.2 Nitrous oxide

Nitrous oxide is a clear, colourless gas that gives short-lasting dissociative effects. It is sometimes known as laughing gas as effects may include bursts of uncontrolled laughter.



Important note

Repeated, high doses of nitrous oxide can cause serious (and sometimes permanent) nerve damage. Symptoms of damage include difficulty moving, loss of balance, loss of coordination, numbness and tingling in fingers/toes and arms/legs. Nitrous oxide is commonly inhaled from a balloon. Inhaling nitrous oxide from anything placed over or strapped to the head (such as a bag or mask) can cause suffocation and death.



Very common	Common	Other	Brand names
laughing gas, nitrous oxide	balloons, nos	canisters, chargers, hippy crack, loons, nangs, N2O, whippets, whipped	Entonox (gas and air, nitrous oxide and oxygen)

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Image and performance enhancing drugs (I PEDs)

I PEDs are a category of substances that are used to enhance appearance, strength and physical performance. They include steroids that are used to build muscle.

Steroid effects

acne, aggression, difficulty sleeping, heart damage, high blood pressure, increased weight, increased strength, fluid retention, libido changes, liver damage

Type	Names	Street/other names
Growth hormone	Human growth hormone	growth, HGH
Oral steroids	Anavar (oxandrolone)	var
	Dianabol (metandienone)	D-bol
	Oxymetholone	oxies
	Winstrol (stanozolol)	winnie
Other injectable steroids	Deca Durabolin (nandrolone)	deca
	Equipoise (boldenone)	EQ
	Trenbolone	tren
Tanning agents	Melanotan	tan, MT2
Testosterone (injectable steroid)	Sustanon 250	sus
	Testosterone	test 300, test 400

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Opioids

Opioid drugs act on opioid receptors to produce painkilling effects. In the Scottish Ambulance Service call handling systems, opioids are referred to as narcotics.

Effects

analgesic (painkilling), calmness, euphoria, decreased breathing, decreased heart rate, nausea, pinpoint pupils, unconsciousness

Overdose signs

blue/pale tingeing to lips and skin, cold and clammy skin, confusion, difficulty breathing, pinpoint pupils, seizures, severe nausea and vomiting, slow or erratic pulse, snoring, unconsciousness

Important note

High risk especially when taken in high doses or mixed with other drugs.



5.1 Buprenorphine

Buprenorphine is an opioid drug commonly prescribed as an opioid substitution therapy.



Very common	Common	Other	Brand names
buprenorphine	bup	buppies, subbies, tems	Buvidal Espranor Suboxone Subutex Temgesic Zubsolv

5.2 Diamorphine (heroin)



Heroin is an opioid drug usually found as a brown powder.

Very common	Common	Other names
gear (also used to refer to cocaine), heroin, smack	brown, H, junk, kit	broon, diamorphine, horse (also used to refer to ketamine), skag, tar

Some names are used to describe the quantity of heroin such as 'tenner bag' (commonly sold in £10 deals for 100–200 mg of heroin) and 20 bag.

5.3 Methadone



Methadone is an opioid drug commonly prescribed as an opioid substitution therapy. It's most commonly seen as a green liquid, which is swallowed.

Very common	Other	Brand names
meth (also used to refer to methamphetamine)	green (also used to refer to cannabis), jungle juice, juice	Physeptone

5.4 Other opioids



Name	Brand names	Street names
co-codamol (codeine and paracetamol)	Solpadol, Zapain, Kapake, Codipar, Tylex, Solpadeine	cocos
codeine	–	used alongside promethazine (antihistamine) to make a drug called lean/purple drank
dextromethorphan	Robitussin	DXM
dihydrocodeine	DF118s, DHC, Paramol	diffs, DFs,
fentanyl	Abstral, Actiq, Durogesic, Matrifen, Mezolar	fent
kratom	Not licensed in UK	–
morphine	Zomorph, Morphgesic, Sevredol, MST, Oramorph, Collis Browne's	–
nitazene/ benzimidazole derived opioids	Not licensed in UK	iso
opium	Gees linctus	–
oxycodone	Shortec, Longtec, Oxynorm, Oxypro, Oxycontin	oxy
tapentadol	Palexia	–
tramadol	Zamadol, Zydol, Maxitram, Tramulief	trammys, trams

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Psychedelics

Psychedelic drugs are also known as hallucinogens or trips. They can alter senses and give a sense of spiritual connection.

Effects

altered senses and thinking, anxiety, enhanced colour and sounds, euphoria, nausea and vomiting, paranoia, reduced appetite, sense of spiritual connection, time distortion, visual geometry, wakefulness

Overdose signs

aggression, agitation, confusion, panic/fear, psychosis, suicidal thoughts, severe nausea and vomiting, violence

6.1 2Cs

The 2Cs are a family of psychedelic drugs with stimulant effects and similar chemical properties.

Types of 2C drug

2C-B, 2C-C, 2C-D, 2C-E, 2C-I, 2C-P



6.2 DMT

DMT (dimethyltryptamine) is a powerful psychedelic drug that can produce short-lived intense effects.

Names

dimitri, god molecule, spirit molecule



6.3 LSD



LSD (lysergic acid diethylamide) is a psychedelic drug, usually found as small squares of blotting paper or micro-dots (very small tablets/'tabs').

Very common	Common	Other names
acid, LSD	tabs	blotters, dots, L, lucy, micro-dots, sid, sidney, trips

6.4 Psilocybin



Psilocybin is a psychedelic drug found in species of psychoactive mushrooms.

Very common	Common	Other names
magic mushrooms, mushrooms	mushies, shrooms	golden teachers, liberty cap, philosopher's stones, plant medicine

Stimulant drugs stimulate the central nervous system, which also increases heart rate and breathing.

Effects

alertness, aggression, anxiety, chattiness, confidence, difficulty sleeping, dry mouth, dilated pupils, energy, euphoria, focus, increased concentration, increased heart rate, jaw clenching or teeth grinding, paranoia, restlessness, reduced appetite, sexual arousal

Overdose signs

chest pains, difficulty breathing, extreme fear or panic, hallucinations, hyperthermia (overheating), psychosis, rapid heart rate, rigid muscles, seizures, severe nausea and vomiting

7.1 Amphetamine

Amphetamine is a long-lasting synthetic (lab-made) stimulant drug, usually found as a white, off-white or pinkish powder.



Very common	Other names
speed	amphet, base, billy whizz, billy, bomb, brain, paste, phet, poor man's coke, sulph, toot (also used to refer to cocaine), whizz

7.2 Cocaine

Cocaine is a short-lasting stimulant drug, made by processing the leaves of the coca plant.



Important note

Cocaine is particularly harmful to the heart. It causes the heart muscles to thicken and blood vessels to constrict. This makes it difficult for blood to circulate and can cause heart attacks. This risk is increased when alcohol is mixed with cocaine, creating a third substance called cocaethylene.



Cocaine powder

Cocaine is most commonly found as a fine white powder.

Very common	Common	Other names
charlie, coke, gear (also used to refer to heroin)	blow (also used to refer to cannabis), ching, snow, white	beak, big C, C, chai, chi, Colombian marching powder, flake, patsy, sniff, toot (also used to refer to amphetamine)

Some names are used to describe the perceived quality of the cocaine such as 'council' or 'coencil' (low), 50/50 (middle), gucci, prop, pure, puro (high).

Other names refer to cocaine by its form or packaging such as bag, lines, powder or packet.

Crack cocaine

Crack cocaine is a solid form made by combining cocaine powder with baking soda, water and heat (washing). This forms rocks that can be smoked (heated and inhaled).

Very common	Common	Other
crack cocaine, crack	rock(s)	freebase, pipe, stones, white

7.3 MDMA

MDMA (3,4-methylenedioxymethamphetamine) is a stimulant drug that produces feelings of empathy and euphoria. It is commonly found in pill or powder forms.



MDMA pill names

Very common	Common	Other
e, eccies, ecstasy	pills	disco biscuits, ectos, swedgers, sweeties, xtc

It is common for ecstasy pills to be referred to by their logo. Most pills will be pressed with popular logos/brands/characters such as Tesla, Red Bull, Bugatti and The Punisher, or recognisable pictures such as emojis, foods and animals.

MDMA powder names

Very common	Common	Other
ecstasy, MDMA	mandy, molly	cereal, crystals (also used to refer to methamphetamine), E, MA, madman, MD

7.4 Mephedrone



Mephedrone is a stimulant drug also known as 4-MMC (4-methylmethcathinone). It also produces feelings of empathy and is most commonly found as a fine or crystal white powder.

Very common	Common	Other names
meow, mcat	meow meow, mkat, maj, magic, drone, bubbles, meph	burst, bounce, plant food, white magic

In Scotland, mephedrone is also used as a generic name to refer to other cathinones such as 4-CMC and 3-CMC.

7.5 Methamphetamine



Methamphetamine is amphetamine with an added methyl group. It is longer lasting than amphetamine and is usually found as clear, colourless crystals that can be smoked.

Very common	Common	Other names
crystal meth, meth	crystal, ice	chalk, crank, glass, speed (also used to refer to amphetamine), tina

7.6 Study drugs



Study drugs are stimulants usually taken with the intention of promoting wakefulness and improving cognitive ability, focus or concentration.

They are also called smart drugs, cognitive enhancers or nootropics, but these terms can also be used to describe a wider range of substances (including food supplements) that are used to enhance performance.

Names	Brand names	Street names
amphetamine/ dextroamphetamine	Adderall	addies
methylphenidate	Concerta, Ritalin	–
modafinil	Provigil	–

7.7 Other stimulant drugs

Nicotine

A stimulant that is commonly inhaled and found in cigars, cigarettes and vapes. It is also found in patches, gum and lozenges.

Caffeine

A stimulant that is commonly ingested in a drink and found in tea, coffee, fizzy drinks and energy drinks. It is also found in tablet and powder form.

Khat/qat

Stimulant leaves from the khat plant that are chewed or brewed in tea.

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Volatile substances

Volatile substances are gases or chemicals that evaporate at room temperature to form a vapour that can be inhaled. Inhaling these products is known as huffing, buzzing and sniffing. They are found in a range of legal household products. They are depressant drugs that reduce heart rate and breathing.

Effects

confusion, dilated pupils, dizziness, drowsiness, hallucinations, lack of coordination, reduced breathing, reduced heart rate, rushing, slurred speech

Overdose signs

blue/pale tingeing to lips and skin, confusion, difficulty breathing, seizures, severe nausea and vomiting, unconsciousness

Important note

Inhaling volatile substances can cause sudden death.



Very common	Common	Other names
solvents, volatile substances	aerosols, butane, deodorant, gas, glue, solvents	fuel, hairspray, petrol, propane

9.1 Other medicines



Antidepressants

Antidepressants are medicines that can be prescribed to treat clinical depression. There are six broad types:

- monoamine oxidase inhibitor (MAOI)
- noradrenaline and specific serotonergic antidepressant (NASSA)
- selective serotonin reuptake inhibitor (SSRI)
- serotonin antagonists and reuptake inhibitor (SARI)
- serotonin noradrenaline reuptake inhibitor (SNRI)
- tricyclic antidepressant (TCA)

Name	Type	Brand name
amitriptyline	TCA	–
citalopram	SSRI	Cipramil
clomipramine	TCA	–
dosulepin	TCA	Prothiaden
duloxetine	SNRI	Cymbalta, Yentreve
escitalopram	SSRI	Cipralex
fluoxetine	SSRI	Oxactin, Prozac
fluvoxamine	SSRI	Faverin
imipramine	TCA	–
isocarboxazid	MAOI	–
lofepramine	TCA	Gamanil

Name	Type	Brand name
mirtazapine	NASSA	Zispin
nortriptyline	TCA	–
paroxetine	SSRI	Seroxat
phenelzine	MAOI	Nardil
sertraline	SSRI	Lustral
tranylcypromine	MAOI	–
trazodone	SARI	Molipaxin
venlafaxine	SNRI	Effexor

Antihistamines

Antihistamines are medicines that can be prescribed to treat allergies. They can also have sedative effects and promote sleep.

Name	Brand name
chlorphenamine	Piriton
cinnarizine	Stugeron
cyclizine	Valoid
diphenhydramine	Nytol
hydroxyzine	Atarax, Vistaril
promethazine	Phenergan Elixir (see lean, opioids section)

Antipsychotics

Antipsychotics are medicines that can be prescribed to treat mental health conditions such as severe anxiety and psychosis.

Name	Brand name
amisulpride	Solian
aripiprazole	Abilify
clozapine	Clozaril, Denzapine, Zaponex
lurasidone	Latuda
olanzapine	Zypadhera, Zyprexa
paliperidone	Invega, Xeplion
quetiapine	Seroquel, Seroquel XL
risperidone	Risperdal, Risperdal Consta

Antispasmodic

Antispasmodics are medicines that suppress muscle spasms.

Name	Brand name
hyoscine butylbromide	Buscopan

Beta blockers

Beta blockers are medicines that slow down the heart. They can be prescribed to treat heart conditions and anxiety.

Name	Brand name
atenolol	Tenormin
bisoprolol	Cardicor, Emscor
carvedilol	Coreg
labetalol	Trandate
metoprolol	Betaloc, Lopressor
propranolol	Angilol, Inderal
sotalol	Betapace

9.2 New psychoactive substances



New psychoactive substances (NPS) are drugs that have similar effects to controlled drugs but have not been specifically covered by the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971.

The effect, duration and appearance of each NPS varies, but most come in powder, pill or 'herbal' form.

The Psychoactive Substances Act 2016 (the 2016 Act) came into force in May 2016. It bans the manufacture, export and import and supply (or offer to supply) of all substances capable of producing a psychoactive effect. Possession is not always an offence, except in a 'custodial institution' (such as a prison).

Poppers, alcohol, nicotine and tobacco, caffeine and medicines are exempt from the 2016 Act. Nitrous oxide is exempt when used in food preparation (usually as a propellant for whipped cream).

Since the introduction of this Act, NPS have become part of the mainstream drug supply and are therefore not listed separately in this resource.

Previous NPS names

legal highs, bath salts, plant food, incense

9.3 Poppers



Alkyl nitrates (poppers) are sold in liquid form, which is inhaled for a muscle relaxing and rushing effect.

They are sold in small bottles under misleading names such as air freshener or room odouriser, or under brand names such as Amsterdam Gold, Rush and TNT.

Important note

Drinking poppers is extremely dangerous and can cause death.



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balloons	nitrous oxide	dissociative	13
bars	benzodiazepine	depressant	10
base	amphetamine	stimulant	20
beak	cocaine	stimulant	21
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Betaloc	metoprolol	beta blocker	28
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- NHS inform: www.nhsinform.scot/healthy-living/drugs-and-drug-use
- Frank: www.talktofrank.com
- Re-Solv (solvents): www.re-solv.org
- IPED Info (steroids): www.ipedinform.co.uk

Harm reduction information

- Crew: www.crew.scot
- Drugs and me: www.drugsandme.org

Technical or scientific information

- British National Formulary (BNF): <https://bnf.nice.org.uk>
- Drug Science: www.drugscience.org.uk
- Psychonaut Wiki: <https://psychonautwiki.org>

Clinical guidance

- Drug misuse and dependence – UK guidelines on clinical management: www.gov.uk/government/publications/drug-misuse-and-dependence-uk-guidelines-on-clinical-management
- Neptune clinical guidance – Guidance on the Clinical Management of Acute and Chronic Harms of Club Drugs and Novel Psychoactive Substances: www.researchgate.net/publication/314033780

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