

# The Local Drug Information System (LDIS)

## What is the Local Drug Information System?

- The Wakefield Local Drug Information System (LDIS) is a system that enables consistent and efficient processes for sharing and assessing information, and issuing warnings where needed, regarding intelligence and responses to new and/or novel, potent, adulterated and/or contaminated drugs.
- The LDIS has a main focus of drug alerts by considering the information that we receive.
- The purpose of the LDIS is to reduce the numbers of near fatal overdoses (NFO) across Wakefield and distribute alerts or notices to partners, informing them of any immediate risk.
- Better information sharing between local partners in relation to NFOs or drug issues would allow more preventative work to be undertaken with those most at risk. This has the potential to prevent and reduce the numbers of drug and alcohol related deaths.
- Any agency who is aware of a NFO or drug issue can notify LDIS by emailing:  
[drug.alerts@wakefield.gov.uk](mailto:drug.alerts@wakefield.gov.uk)

**LDIS Information Criteria:** This list is by no means exhaustive but provides suggested examples of information that the LDIS welcomes.

- Any report where there has been a near fatal overdose.
- Substances causing acute medical, social and emotional harm.
- Substances that are branded to mislead the user of ingredients.
- Any other suspected emerging drug trends.
- Substances with a spike in purity.
- New or novel substances causing harm.
- Contaminated substances.

## The Step-by-Step Process of the Local Drug Information System:

**Step One:** Drug Information / Near Fatal Overdose reported to [Drug.Alerts@wakefield.gov.uk](mailto:Drug.Alerts@wakefield.gov.uk)

**Step Two:** Information is logged and reviewed by the LDIS Co-Ordinator.

**Step Three:** The LDIS Panel is held if appropriate.

**Step Four:** Decision is made on if a Drug Alert or Be Vigilant notice is to be sent to the Professional Information Network (PIN).

### Level of Alert:

**Be Vigilant:** Potential risk of multiple NFO's / Deaths.

**Drug Alert:** Multiple NFO's / Deaths.