

## **ALERT10/12/2018**

The Metropolitan Police recently seized a significant quantity of tablets branded as “**Percocet**” in Hounslow, along with other drugs.

On testing, it was revealed that the fake “Percocet” branded tablets contained **only Fentanyl** as an active ingredient. Genuine Percocet would contain Oxycodone and Paracetamol. In addition, Percocet is only used in intravenous or intramuscular formulations in the NHS.

Reports from North America are that fake “Percocet” branded tablets containing Fentanyl have been in circulation for some time. This is the first time we have been made aware of the seizure of fake “Percocet” branded Fentanyl tablets in the UK.

**Illicit fentanyl (a strong opioid about 50 times more potent than heroin) caused a spike in drug related deaths in England in 2017 and has been responsible for thousands of drug related deaths in North America.**

**In light of that fact that these tablets only contain Fentanyl, there is no appropriate harm reduction message other than to avoid purchasing and taking this drug.**



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