



## ALERT FORM

<b>Subject</b>	<b>Spice Overdoses in Winchester Area</b>
<b>Sent to</b>	<b>Treatment Provider Group NPS Group</b>
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<b>Action(s) required</b>	Please communicate this information with service users and all drug users you are in contact with as a matter of urgency  Please send any additional information to: heather.ryder@surreycc.gov.uk

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Please see the information below which has been distributed by Hampshire Public Health.

Over the past 2 weeks there has been a cluster of overdoses in the Winchester area involving the synthetic cannabinoid usually referred to as Spice. What we know is that:

- There have been 13 recent non-fatal NPS-related overdoses requiring medical attention;
- There have been 2 fatalities which may be related;
- 10 of the overdoses appear to relate to spice which was street-traded in the Winchester area;
- 1 overdose relates to a product called Sweet Leaf purchased from a Southampton headshop;

- The spice purchased in the Winchester area does not appear to have had any distinguishing or unusual features and individuals who've been affected report only having used at usual levels.

Proposed actions:

Please can you ensure that this information is disseminated and the following actions taken as relevant to your organisation:

- Information to be circulated to all staff working with individuals known to use spice or other psychoactive substances;
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Advice to staff:

If an individual appears heavily intoxicated, is unresponsive or loses consciousness and it is suspected that he or she has been using psychoactive substances, they should be placed in the recovery position and an ambulance should be called immediately. Basic first aid should be administered as necessary.

Advice to be given to individuals known/likely to use spice or other psychoactive substances:

- Do not use any spice products recently purchased in the Winchester area or any product labelled Sweet Leaf
- If you have any of these products, they can be handed-in anonymously at your nearest police station.
- If you do use, reduce the amount used and make sure that you have a non-using friend with you.



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