

Leicester, Leicestershire & Rutland Drug Alert System

Become a member of the Professional Information Network (PIN)

The Drug Alert System for Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland (LLR) has been updated (June 2022), this is a collaboration between Turning Point (our commissioned drug and alcohol treatment service), Leicestershire Police and members of the LLR Substance Misuse Community Safety Partnership.



THE AIMS OF THE DRUG ALERT SYSTEM ARE TO;

- Share information regarding areas of concern, emerging threats and current issues regarding drugs to relevant local partners quickly and efficiently.
- Share consistent and accurate harm reduction information and signpost to further trusted sources of information and support.
- Reduce drug related harm.

WHAT TYPE OF INFORMATION WILL BE DISTRIBUTED?

The Drug Alert system will see a **mixture of information notices and alerts being issued**, depending upon the information available and assessed level of risk which each issue presents. A simple traffic light system will be utilised, with **Green** notices being issued simply for information, **Amber** where some active level of threat is present, and **Red** where efforts should be taken to disseminate some of the information enclosed within the alert further, most likely to a specified 'at-risk' group.



Once a local PIN is established we will retrospectively issue a number of notices/alerts for issues which have emerged over the last year, including;

- Cannabis Edibles
- Counterfeit Benzodiazepines
- Vaping - Risks and contaminated products

Subsequent notices/alerts will be in response to 'live' developing issues.

WHAT ARE WE CURRENTLY ASKING FOR?

We are asking local services/groups/educational establishments etc to become members of the PIN so that they're able to receive information notices/alerts as and when they are issued. We are asking for this document to be shared, and for professionals/organisations seeking to become members of the PIN to email SubstanceMisuseTeam@leics.police.uk providing the names, roles, organisation and email addresses of those you are seeking to include in the PIN.