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INCREASING AWARENESS TO SAFEGUARD CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

SAFETY ALERT UPDATE



- DRUGS IN CIRCULATION

The following drugs are known to be in circulation in the UK, and dealers are believed to have been targeting young people and children with these products, which look like sweets. Social networking platforms such as TikTok, are sharing videos of these 'sweets' and are provide contact details to enable their purchase:

'Lego' shaped sweets containing MDMA & Ketamine



Nerds & Starbursts containing Cannabis Oil (Tetrahydrocannabinol – THC) lased sweets



A large amount of the 'Nerds' contaminated product has been recently recovered in West Yorkshire, however it is not known how much remains missing, or how widely it has been distributed.

Trading Standards, the National Poisons Service and the NHS are aware.

OVERDOSES IN CHILDREN

When drugs are combined with food in an 'edible' form, they can have a stronger and prolonged effect, particularly in children under the age of 12 years old.

It is possible that children may mistake 'edible' marijuana (like gummy bears, brownies, lollipops etc.,) for regular food and eat it unknowingly. Small children are at particular risk based on their size and weight, and may require hospital admission.

The effects that children have may be:

- Loss of coordination
- Hallucinations
- Nausea/vomiting
- Lethargy, collapse or loss of consciousness
- Cardiovascular
- **STAY SAFE**