

North Yorkshire Drugs Early Warning and Alert System

DRUG ALERT

DATE OF ALERT: 19/05/2020

WITHDRAWAL OF THE ALERT: 19/06/2020

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Please cascade alert to relevant professional contacts and forward any further information relating to this alert to the contact above.

SUMMARY OF THE ALERT

Drug/Substance Alert Refers to:

Flualprazolam (and potentially Flubromazepam) - an illicit benzodiazepine. Unclear what the street name of this substance is currently.

Type of incident alert relates to:


- drug related deaths are happening
- high number of overdoses
- drugs in the area may be contaminated
- other specify

Information Received from: North Yorkshire Police

Locality of Information: Scarborough and east coast

Details of Information received: We have had intelligence that has confirmed a fatal level of the substance Flualprazolam in two drug related deaths that have occurred in Scarborough on 03/04/2020 and 17/04/2020 respectively. This was reported to the North Yorkshire Drug and Alcohol Related Deaths Confidential Enquiry Protocol with confirmed toxicology results received on 19/05/2020.

Further information received indicates that there are concerns regarding the supply of illicit benzodiazepines from Teesside to the Scarborough and surrounding east coast locality. These may



be being distributed as diazepam, or under another name, and they could be stronger with a potential to lead to overdose.

Photograph of drug/substance: Not available

ACTION REQUIRED:

For information and awareness amongst partner organisations.

North Yorkshire Horizons (01723 330730) and Compass REACH (01609 777662) continue to raise awareness of harms and provide harm reduction advice.

Please report further intelligence to Dan Atkinson (07811 667681 or Dan.Atkinson@northyorks.gov.uk) and North Yorkshire Police via the Partnership Intelligence Sharing Form available here: **NY Police Partnership Intelligence Form** (scroll down to the bottom of the page, note this form is intended to cover all partnership intelligence not just related to child sexual exploitation).