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November 2025

- 643 samples analysed
  - 94 substances identified either in isolation or combination
  - Samples received from across the UK
    - Including: Health, Substance Misuse Services, Mental Health, and Housing and Homelessness services
    - Alongside samples submitted anonymously by individuals

Sex / age profile of sample providers

- Sex (where listed n= 600 of 643 samples)
  - Male: 85% (n= 446)
  - Female: 15% (n= 154)
- Age
  - Range: 12yrs (E-Liquid submitted by an educational setting) to 79yrs (Median: 36yrs)
  - Male age range: 13 to 79yrs (Median: 36yrs)
  - Female age range: 12 to 60yrs (Median: 37yrs)

Purchase vs Post analysis Top 10

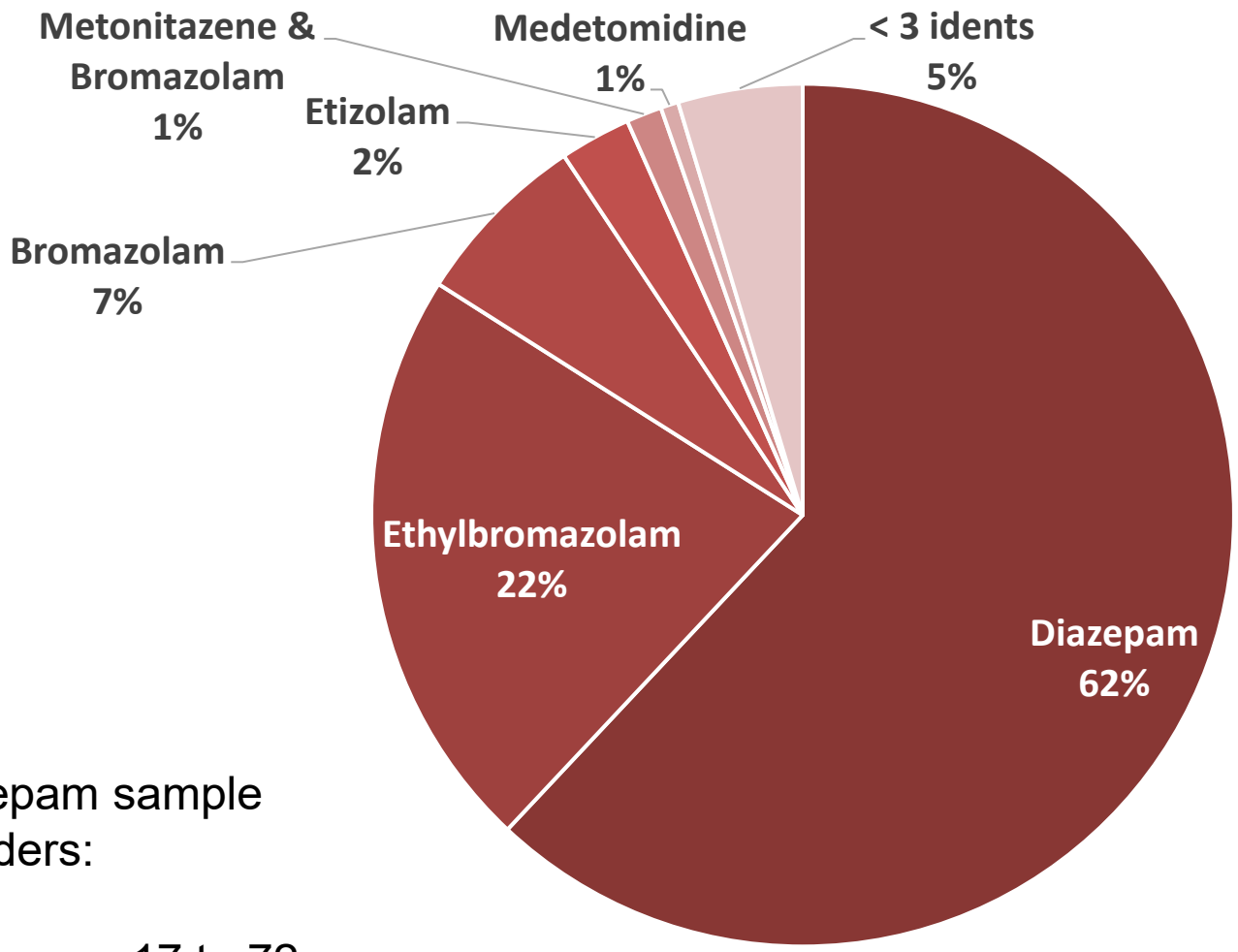
	Most commonly listed purchase intent	Most commonly profiled substances
1	Diazepam	Diazepam
2	Alprazolam	Cocaine
3	Unknown	Ethylbromazolam
4	Cocaine	Ketamine
5	MDMA	MDMA
6	Ketamine	Paracetamol
7	Zopiclone	Zopiclone
8	Cannabis	Caffeine
9	Heroin	Nicotine
10	Clonazepam	Alprazolam

Benzodiazepines

- 12 Benzodiazepines identified
  - Diazepam (150 purchase intent / 97 identifications)
  - Ethylbromazolam (0 purchase intent / 45 identifications)
  - Alprazolam (55 purchase intent / 24 identifications)
  - Bromazolam (1 purchase intent / 21 identifications)
  - Clonazepam (19 purchase intent / 16 identifications)
  - Lorazepam (13 purchase intent / 11 identifications)
  - Etizolam (0 purchase intent / 7 identifications)
  - Clobromazolam (0 purchase intent / 5 identifications)
  - Nitrazepam
  - Flualparazolam
  - Flubromazolam
  - Midazolam

Identifications <5

Contents of samples submitted as Diazepam: November 2025 (n=150)



- Substances identified on less than three occasions, includes five substances identified in isolation.
- For the purpose of highlighting nitazenes and medetomidine within this sample group it has been kept separate, despite twice and once (respectively) being identified on one occasion amongst samples purchased as diazepam

Diazepam sample providers:

Age range: 17 to 72yrs
Median: 41yrs

Nitazenes, Brorphine analogues & Medetomidine

In November 2025, 10 samples were profiled as containing nitazene, two medetomidine, one a brorphine analogue and one a brorphine analogue (News: May 2025 – Emerging analogues of brorphine) and medetomidine

Nitazene

Purchase Intent	SampleForm	Colour
Diazepam	Tablet	Blue
Diazepam	Tablet	Grey
Heroin	Crystalline	Brown
Heroin	Powder	White-Brown
Heroin	Powder	Brown
Heroin	Powder	Brown-Pink
Heroin	Powder	White-Brown
Nitazene	Powder	Yellow
Oxycodone	Tablet	White
Protonitazene	Powder	Orange-Brown

Medetomidine

Purchase	SampleForm	Colour
Diazepam	Tablet	White
Heroin	Powder	Brown

Brophine analogues

Purchase	SampleForm	Colour
Spirobrorphine	Powder	White

Brophine analogues and Medetomidine

Purchase	SampleForm	Colour
Heroin	Powder	Brown