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October 2025

- 613 samples analysed
  - 86 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= 570 of 613 samples)
  - Male: 85% (n= 483)
  - Female: 15% (n= 132)
- Age
  - Range: 11yrs (E-Liquid submitted by an educational setting) to 76yrs (Median: 35yrs)
  - Male age range: 11 to 67yrs (Median: 34yrs)
  - Female age range: 13 to 76yrs (Median: 41yrs)

Purchase vs Post analysis Top 10

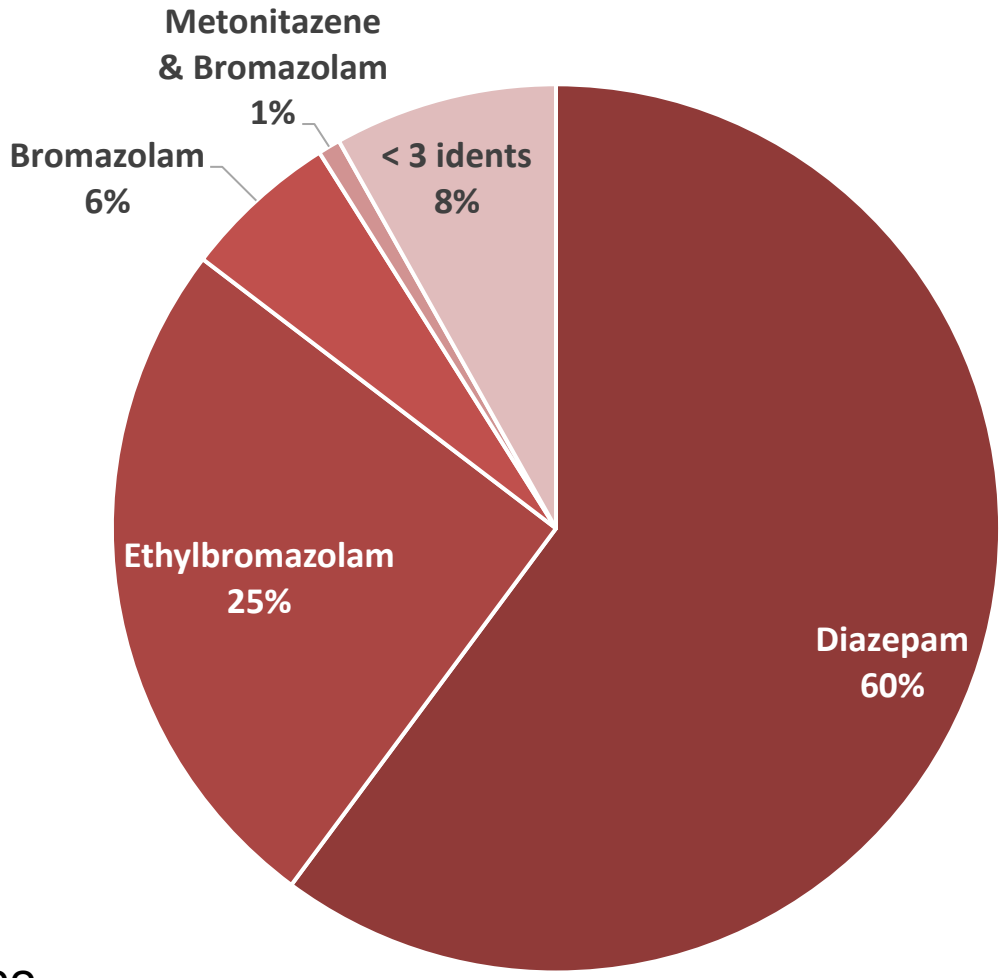
	Most commonly listed purchase intent	Most commonly profiled substances
1	Diazepam	Diazepam
2	Alprazolam	Cocaine
3	Clonazepam	Ethylbromazolam
4	MDMA	MDMA
5	Cocaine	Ketamine
6	Ketamine	Nicotine
7	Unknown	Clonazepam
8	Pregabalin	Caffeine
9	Cannabis	No Active Component Identified
10	Heroin	Alprazolam

Benzodiazepines

- 13 Benzodiazepines identified
  - Diazepam (123 purchase intent / 76 identifications)
  - Ethylbromazolam (0 purchase intent / 43 identifications)
  - Clonazepam (43 purchase intent / 33 identifications)
  - Alprazolam (51 purchase intent / 26 identifications)
  - Bromazolam (0 purchase intent / 19 identifications)
  - Clobromazolam (0 purchase intent / 8 identifications)
  - Lorazepam (7 purchase intent / 7 identifications)
  - Etizolam
  - Nitrazepam
  - Phenazepam
  - Clonazolam
  - Midazolam
  - Temazepam

Identifications <5

Contents of samples submitted as Diazepam: October 2025 (n=123)



- Substances identified on less than three occasions, includes ten substances identified in isolation.
- For the purpose of highlighting nitazenes within this sample group it has been kept separate, despite only being identified on one occasion amongst samples purchased as diazepam

Diazepam sample providers:

Age range: 19 to 62yrs
Median: 41yrs

Nitazenes, Brorphine analogues & Medetomidine

In October 2025, three 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**
  - One Purchased diazepam in grey tablet form. Which following analysis was profiled as containing Metonitazene and Bromazolam
  - One purchased as dihydrocodeine in green tablet from. Which following analysis was profiled as containing N-Desethylisotinitazene
  - One purchased as heroin in brown powder from. Which following analysis was profiled as containing paracetamol, caffeine, heroin, noscapine, 6-mam and etoniatzene

- **Medetomidine**
  - Two samples purchased as heroin, one in white solid form and the other brown powder. Both of which following analysis were profiled as containing paracetamol, opium alkaloids and medetomidine. The brown powder also contained heroin

- **Brorphine analogues**
  - One sample purchased as heroin in white powder form was profiled after analysis as containing N-Propionitrile Chlorphine

- Medetomidine and Brophine analogues
  - One sample purchased as heroin in white powder form was profiled after analysis as containing 5,6-dichloro desmethylchlorphine and Medetomidine