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## DRUG ALERT

#### WARNING ABOUT A DANGEROUS SUBSTANCE

We are continuing to see the presence of synthetic opiates called "nitazene's" in North Yorkshire. Recent drug analysis has shown a number of different nitazene's in the heroin supply.

Nitazene's are extremely potent and in some cases stronger than fentanyl.

\*\*All people trained in administering naloxone are advised to ensure they are carrying kits with them or have them easily accessible\*\*

#### Harm Reduction Advice to Reduce Risk:

- Treat all heroin as contaminated supply.
- Only take a small amount, you don't know how it will affect you.
- Avoid using alone so someone can call for help if something goes wrong, or if you have a smartphone download the BuddyUP app.
- If you have had a break from using heroin your tolerance will be lower and your more at risk of overdose.
- Make sure you and others have naloxone readily available.
- Avoid mixing with other depressant drugs like benzodiazepines and alcohol.

If you / your friends become ill, call 999 and ask for Ambulance, even with Naloxone this will wear off after 20-30minutes and the person may go back into overdose.

For more information around Nitazene's or support please contact your local Drug & Alcohol Services:

North Yorkshire: North Yorkshire Horizons T: 08000 14 14 80 E:

info@nyhorizons.org.uk

York: Changing Lives T: 01904 464680 E: york-info@changing-lives.org.uk

Or Visit:

www.drinkdrughub.co.uk/?s=nitazenes

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