Head Shops

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BACKGROUND

• Head Shops
• Legal highs
• Highs that are not illegal (not yet)
• Prohibition Vs Harm Reduction
Back round Continued

- 90 new substances identified through EMCDDA.
- Internet new mode of sale.
- 68 on line 2008
- 115 on line 2009
- 200 psychoactive substance known
- Often advertised as herbal/ usual synthetic
- Not always what it says on the packet
- No system of Quality control
Substances

- Tend to mimic the effects of controlled drugs/cleverly marketed.
- Salvia (ecstasy)
- Spice (cannabis)
- Cathinone Derivative (cocaine, Ecstasy, Amphetamine).
- Piperazine (ecstasy, speed. Amphetamines includes BZP)
- LSA containing products (LSD)
- Kratom (opium/opiate/heroin)
Salvia

- Dry Leaf/smoked
- Stimulant
- Effects /mild to full blown psychedelic hallucinations/possible psychosis in at risks groups
Spice

• Synthetic cannabinoids sprayed onto dry leafs
• Mimic the effects of THC
• Effects/paranoia/amnesia/? Long term effects
Cathinone

- Naturally occurring stimulant in the Khat plant
- Mephedrone/methylone/MDMCAT
- Effects/ euohoria, anxiety, parania, psychosis, cardiac/nervous system. fits, dehydration, come down syndrome
Piperazine

- Sold as Plant feeders/bath salts
- Tabley/powder/capsule/liquid
- Effects/ cardiac/
  fits/stroke/dependence/hyperthermia
- BZP banned since 2009( convulsions reported)
- Since being banned BZP free products on the market
LSA

• Seeds of morning glory/Hawaiian baby wood rose/
• Effects/hallucinations/cardiac
Kratom

- Taken in tea/smoked/chewed/
- Low doses/stimulation
- High doses/ itchiness, sweating/nausea/lucid dreaming/psychosis/muscle and joint pain/very high doses possible addiction
- U antoginist/naturally occurring