

Drug Information Alert

DATE:

28th May 2021

(to be displayed until 30th June 2021)

Danger: TETRAHYDROCANNABIDOL (THC) IN EDIBLE DRUGS IN NORTH LONDON

There are a growing number of young people attending Northwick Park Hospital emergency department after using edible drugs.

Details: Despite their appearance, 'edibles' — sweet treats like gummies and chocolate bars — are infused with THC, the primary psychoactive component of cannabis.



Consequences:

Edibles take between 1-3 hours to have an effect because food is absorbed into the bloodstream through the liver. Because it takes longer, the user may end up consuming larger amounts of the edibles to experience a response.

The manufacturers of the edibles are unregulated, and the content of THC in each sweet may not always be accurate.

Harm reduction:

Parents should monitor food packaging / wrappers at home looking for wording such as **THC** as this may suggest the items may contain these ingredients. Please be mindful of the medical needs of your child and call 101 for non-emergencies / 999 for emergencies.

For more information, contact WDP Harrow on 0300 303 2868.

The alert should be displayed with the date it should be taken down.

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If the issue is still a concern after the date specified, **an update can be issued.**

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