

## Drug health harms in London and harm reduction messages



### Overview of Situation

Over the Bank Holiday weekend, 2 people were found dead in Southall, Ealing, following attendance at a nightclub in South London on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> May. They are thought to have consumed green pills with an '80' on one face and possibly an 'OP' on the other face but they were poorly made and faded. A picture is available above of remaining pills which were seized by police. We don't know what type of drugs the people thought they were buying.

- **The pills have been found to contain a potent synthetic opioid.**
- **The pills could be marketed and sold as a range of different drugs.**

### Harm reduction messages

- Green pills are being sold in London which may contain a lethal dose of a synthetic opioid.
- Other pills with different designs or colours may also contain harmful adulterants.
- We encourage people **NOT** to take these pills, even in small amounts, and to consider the potential harm of taking any pills.
- If you do use drugs, do not take them when you are alone.
- If you or someone else feel unwell after consuming drugs, please seek emergency medical attention, rather than waiting to see if the effects wear off after sleep and re-hydration.
- Have naloxone to hand. This opioid overdose antidote works on synthetic opioids so have it to hand if you are going to put yourself at risk. You can get it from the Pier Road Project. Further information here: [What to do in an emergency | FRANK](#)
- **Bexley drug treatment services can provide support. You can contact them here:**
  - Pier Road Project – Adult Substance Misuse Service  
Email: [slm-tr.pierroadproject@nhs.net](mailto:slm-tr.pierroadproject@nhs.net) Tel: 01322 357940
  - Insight Bexley – Young People's Substance Misuse Project  
Email: [insightbexley@waythrough.org.uk](mailto:insightbexley@waythrough.org.uk)

**Contact details of all London drug and alcohol treatment services are available here:**  
[MECC Link](#)

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