

# DRUG AWARENESS

## CLASS A DRUGS



**POSSESSION** CAN RESULT IN 7 YEARS IN PRISON OR AN UNLIMITED FINE. **SUPPLY & PRODUCTION** CAN RESULT IN LIFE IN PRISON OR AN UNLIMITED FINE.

## CLASS B DRUGS

**POSSESSION** CAN RESULT IN 5 YEARS IN PRISON, AN UNLIMITED FINE OR BOTH. **SUPPLY & PRODUCTION** CAN RESULT IN 14 YEARS IN PRISON, AN UNLIMITED FINE OR BOTH.



## CLASS C DRUGS

**POSSESSION** CAN RESULT IN 2 YEARS IN PRISON, AN UNLIMITED FINE OR BOTH. **SUPPLY & PRODUCTION** CAN RESULT IN 14 YEARS IN PRISON, AN UNLIMITED FINE OR BOTH.

**DRUG ADDICTION** IS CHARACTERIZED BY DRUG SEEKING AND USE THAT IS COMPULSIVE, OR DIFFICULT TO CONTROL, DESPITE THE DAMAGING CONSEQUENCES. ANY SUBSTANCE CAN BECOME ADDICTIVE.

## TOLERANCE

THE MORE YOU TAKE SOMETHING, THE LESS SENSITIVE YOU ARE TO IT, MEANING YOU NEED TO TAKE MORE TO GET THE SAME EFFECT. THIS MAY TEMPT YOU TO INCREASE USE.

## WITHDRAWAL

QUITTING ANY SORT OF ADDICTIVE SUBSTANCE CAN INDUCE SOME PHYSICAL SYMPTOMS, E.G., SHAKING AND FEELING UNWELL. YOU MAY ALSO START TO FEEL ANXIOUS.

## NEW PSYCHOACTIVE SUBSTANCES

FORMERLY KNOWN AS LEGAL HIGHS, NEW PSYCHOACTIVE SUBSTANCES (NPS) ARE DESIGNED TO PRODUCE SIMILAR EFFECTS OF DRUGS SUCH AS CANNABIS, COCAINE, AND ECSTASY. EXAMPLES INCLUDE **NITROUS OXIDE** AND **SPICE**. PRODUCTION, SALE, AND SUPPLY OF NPS IS RESTRICTED BY THE **PSYCHOACTIVE SUBSTANCES ACT 2016**.



# 7,027

IN 2019/20, THERE WERE AROUND **7,027** HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS FOR DRUG-RELATED DISORDERS. (NHS).

