

Drug Drive in the Metropolitan Police Service

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Legislation

- Sec 3A – Causing death by careless driving through drink or drugs
- Sec 4 – Driving whilst under the influence of drink or drugs
- Sec 5 – Driving whilst over the prescribed limit

From 1st March 2015

- Sec 5A – Driving whilst over the prescribed limit – specified drug



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Why do we need Drug Drive over the Prescribed limit legislation?

North Report reviewed Drink and Drug drive legislation published 2010

Evidence taken by review clearly showed that the number of individuals involved in collisions where someone was killed or seriously injured under the influence of drugs was significantly higher than that found in the general driving population – Drug Drive is a serious risk multiplier

The existing legislation S4 Road Traffic Act 1988 was problematic

Coalition Government Commitment



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Introduction of Sec 5A – Driving with Specified controlled drug above specified limit in March 2015

17 specified drugs subject to legislation, both illicit and prescribed

Individual limit set for each drug

Roadside screening device detects Cannabis and Cocaine

2 Home Office Type Approved devices for roadside screening:-

Securetec Drugwipe 3S.

Draeger DT5000.



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Controlled Drug	Limit (microgrammes per litre of blood)
Amphetamine	250
Benzoylcegonine	50
Clonazepam	50
Cocaine	10
Delta-9-Tetrahydrocannabinol	2
Diazepam	550
Flunitrazepam	300
Ketamine	20
Lorazepam	100
Lysergic Acid Diethylamide	1
Methadone	500
Methylamphetamine	10
Methylenedioxymethamphetamine	10
6-Monoacetylmorphine	5
Morphine	80
Oxazepam	300
Temazepam	1000



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Demonstration

- DrugWipe 3S
- Single Use
- Non-electronic
- Disposable
- Uses technology tailored to individual drug



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Working in Partnership with TfL - Safe London streets: Our approach

Road safety Action Plan 2020

'We work with our partners to educate people about the dangers of drink and drug driving, and to catch those who continue to do so'.

Education – Safe Drive Stay Alive

Roadside testing – Catch and prosecute those who drink / drug drive



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Results

Up to Jan 18 we have undertaken around 9000 screening tests

Resulting in over 3400 blood samples being submitted to the laboratory

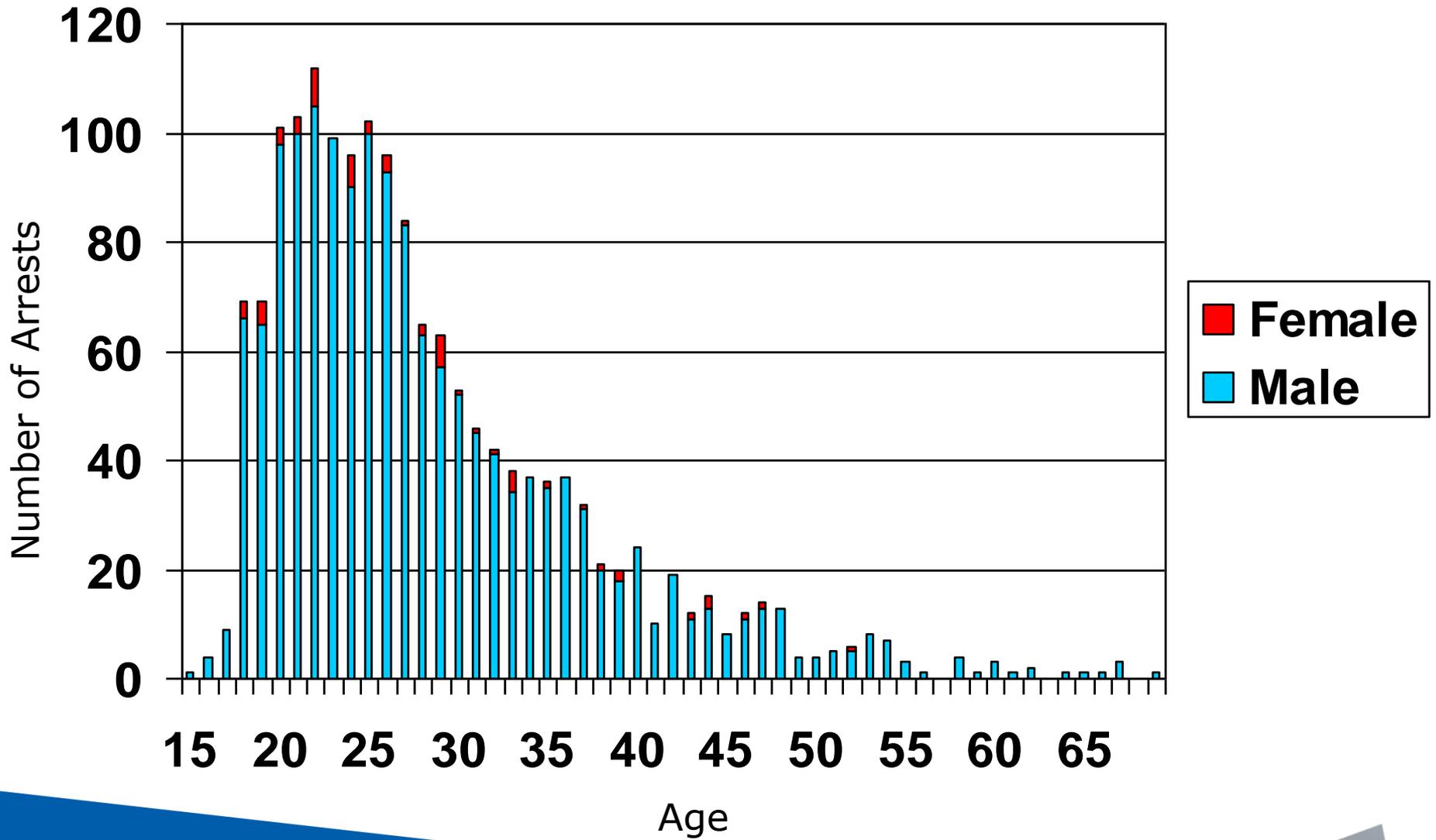
Analysis of these samples has produced around 80% positive result



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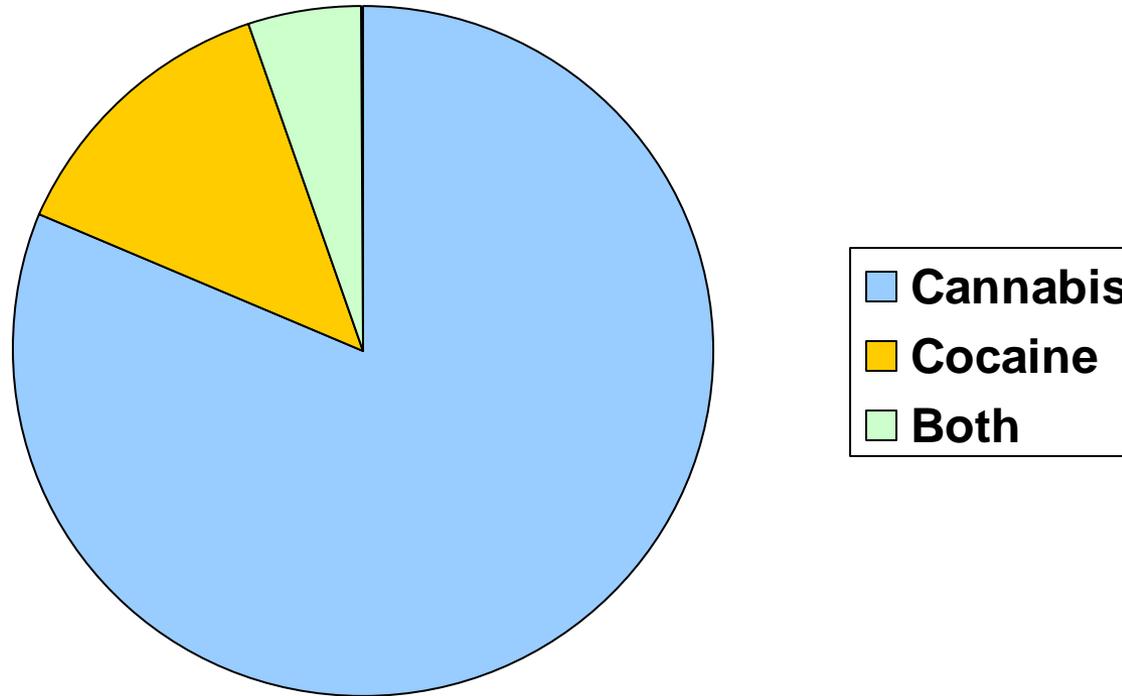


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Drugs detected during screening



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The Future

- Research
- Effect on casualties rates
- Effect on driver behaviour
- Social acceptance / stigma
- New devices / technology



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Any Questions?



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