

Healthy Sexuality and Harm Reduction /Street Connections DRUG CHECKING SERVICE QUARTERLY REPORT – APRIL 2026

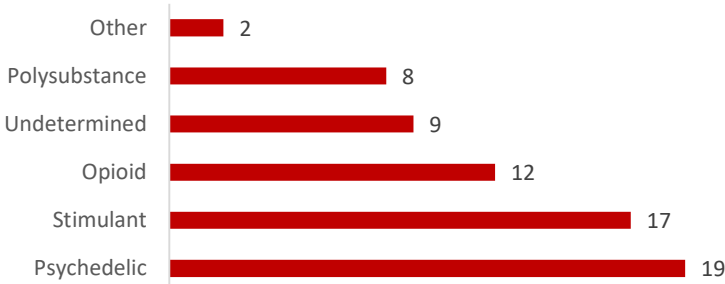
Healthy Sexuality and Harm Reduction/Street Connections delivers drug checking services in Winnipeg, MB. This legal, free, and confidential service provides information on the composition of substances and harm reduction information. **Drug checking assists community members in identifying contaminants and taking steps to reduce harm from potent or unexpected drugs.**



- **68 samples were checked in Jan-Mar 2026.**
- Most of the samples tested contained psychedelics (28%) or stimulants (25%), followed by opioids (17.5%). An increased number of samples (12%) contained complex polysubstances.
- **Fentanyl/fentanyl analogs and benzodiazepine/benzo analogs and medetomidine** were found in 3 samples. **Para-fluorofentanyl** was the main fentanyl analogue detected. **Para-fluorofentanyl and medetomidine** were found in 6 samples. These substances were found in most of the expected “down” samples.
- Two public health notifications/drug alerts were issued in this period. **A public health advisory concerning Medetomidine was issued.**
- Our technologies could not detect psychoactive components in some samples (named as undetermined in the graph below). This does not mean that there was nothing active in the sample. It could mean that there was something present at a very low concentration. Some substances can be very strong even at low doses.

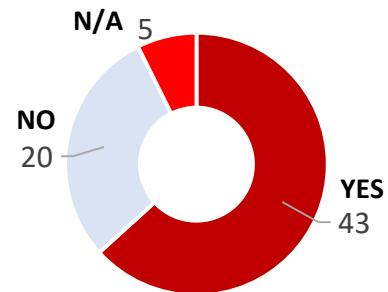
Results

Note: Results from FTIR, test strips, and Health Canada’s Drug Analysis Service confirmatory tests*



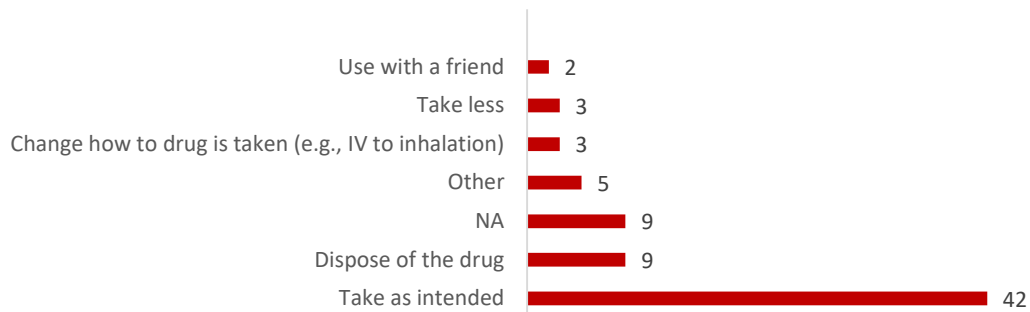
Expected Results

Note: Several samples contained substances that were “unknown” to the service user (e.g., sample found or given), explaining why there is a “not applicable” category in the graph below.



Stimulant	Opioid	Psychedelic	Depressant	Polysubstance	Other
Methamphetamine, cocaine, crack cocaine	*Down, heroin, fentanyl (unregulated opioids), and pharmaceutical opioids	MDMA and related, 2-C family, ketamine	Benzodiazepines	Cross-category mixture	Testosterone, health supplement, erectile dysfunction medication, anti-inflammatory medication

Intended Actions upon Receiving Results



Public Health Notification/Drug Alerts Issued
<https://streetconnections.ca/drug-alerts>