

Healthy Sexuality and Harm Reduction /Street Connections

DRUG CHECKING SERVICE QUARTERLY REPORT – JANUARY 2026

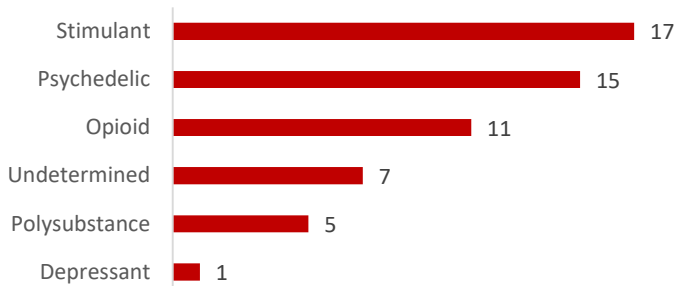
Healthy Sexuality and Harm Reduction/Street Connections delivers drug checking services in Winnipeg, MB. This legal, free, and confidential service provides information on the composition of substances and harm reduction information. **Drug checking assists community members in identifying contaminants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



- 57 samples were checked in Oct-Dec 2025.
- Most of the samples tested contained stimulants (30%) or psychedelics (27%), followed by opioids (20%). A few samples (9%) contained complex polysubstances.
- Fentanyl/fentanyl analogs and benzodiazepine/benzo analogs were found in a few samples, expected to be “down.” **Para-fluorofentanyl** was the main fentanyl analogue detected. **Medetomidine**, a veterinary tranquilizer, was detected via confirmatory testing in three samples.
- 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.
- Four public health notifications/drug alerts were issued in this period.

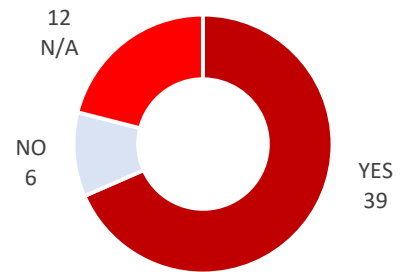
Results

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



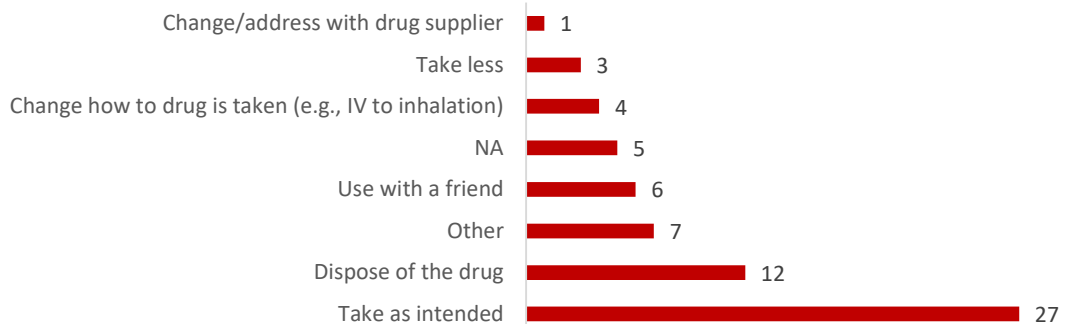
Expected Results

Note: A number of 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
<i>Methamphetamine, cocaine, crack cocaine</i>	<i>*Down, heroin, fentanyl (unregulated opioids), and pharmaceutical opioids</i>	<i>MDMA and related, 2-C family, ketamine</i>	<i>Benzodiazepines</i>	<i>Cross-category mixture</i>	<i>Testosterone, health supplement, erectile dysfunction medication, anti-inflammatory medication</i>

Intended Actions upon Receiving Results



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

Disclaimer: This report is not intended to show trends of drugs found in the overall local market. It is a representation of samples tested at our site.