

Drugs Knowledge Organiser

Key Term/Theme	Definition
Drug	a medicine or other substance which has a physiological effect when ingested or otherwise introduced into the body.
Possession of drugs	means that an individual is caught with a controlled drug for personal use. The person does not have to be using it, just to have it in their possession.
Possession with intent to supply	means that a person is planning to give controlled drugs to someone else. This includes selling, sharing or giving for free.
Supply	means that a person distributes or gives someone else controlled drugs. This can be selling, giving for a reward of some form, sharing or giving for free.
Prescription drugs	Drugs that must be given to the user by a Doctor.
Addiction	Addiction is defined as not having control over doing, taking or using something to the point where it could be harmful to you.

Reasons why people choose to take drugs	Reasons why people choose not to take drugs
To be accepted in a friendship group, peer pressure, to impress someone, want to seem 'cool'.	Concerns over health risks and short-term effects e.g. addiction, hangovers and heightened accident risks.
They believe everyone else is doing it, they have friends/family members who use drugs, influence of the media and it seems 'the norm'.	Feeling comfortable making their own choices, so feeling able to resist peer influence.
They want to escape reality, perhaps because of traumatic experiences and/or difficult feelings.	Worried about breaking the law or getting caught.

Reason why cannabis should be legalised	Reasons why cannabis should not be legalised
Cannabis can be an effective pain killer for diseases such as cancer and multiple sclerosis.	It slows down your reactions making it almost impossible to make informed decisions.
It would reduce crime as there would be no need for a "black" market for the drug.	Cannabis can be a starter for harder more dangerous drugs.

How does addiction affect family and friends?

1. Stress
2. Guilt
3. Anxiety
4. Worry
5. Frustration
6. Unsure how to help the person struggling.



Where to get help and sources of support...

GP – Doctors surgery

NHS website - [Drug addiction: getting help - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](http://www.nhs.uk)

Talk to Frank - [Honest information about drugs | FRANK \(talktofrank.com\)](http://talktofrank.com)

Turning Point Alcohol and Drug Support - [Drug & Alcohol Addiction Help | Turning Point \(turning-point.co.uk\)](http://turning-point.co.uk)