



west midlands
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AGENDA ITEM 3

Strategic Policing and Crime Board

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Questions from members of the public

1. "We the undersigned are neurologists working in the West Midlands who have seen over the last 2 years directly an increase in admissions of patients as a direct result of Nitrous Oxide abuse. We understand that supply of Nitrous Oxide for recreational use is a criminal offence under the Psychoactive Substances Act (2016), and this has, for example led to at least one recent conviction in Cardiff.

We would like to ask West Midlands Police how many arrests and convictions for Nitrous Oxide supply have taken place in our region since this Act, and what actions the police, in conjunction with the National Crime Agency, can make to take action against the illegal suppliers, as their actions are leading to, in some cases, permanent neurological disability."

(To be asked by Dr David Nicholl)