

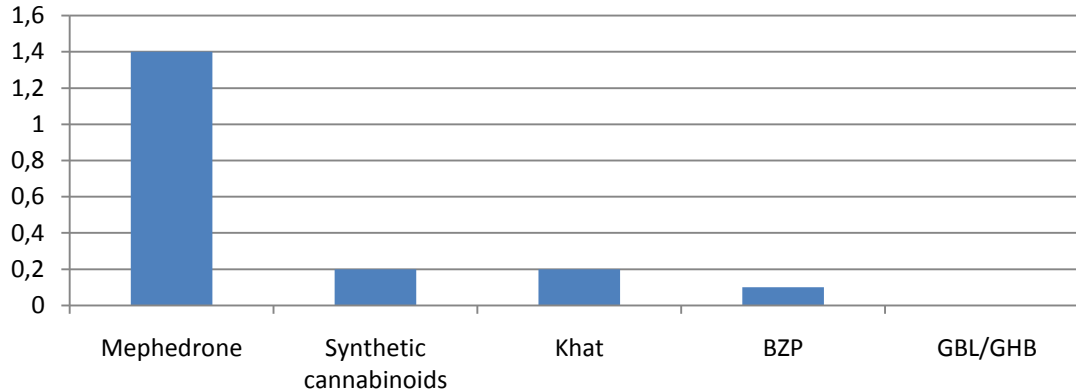
# Reitox workshop: Exchange on data collection challenges related to new psychoactive substances

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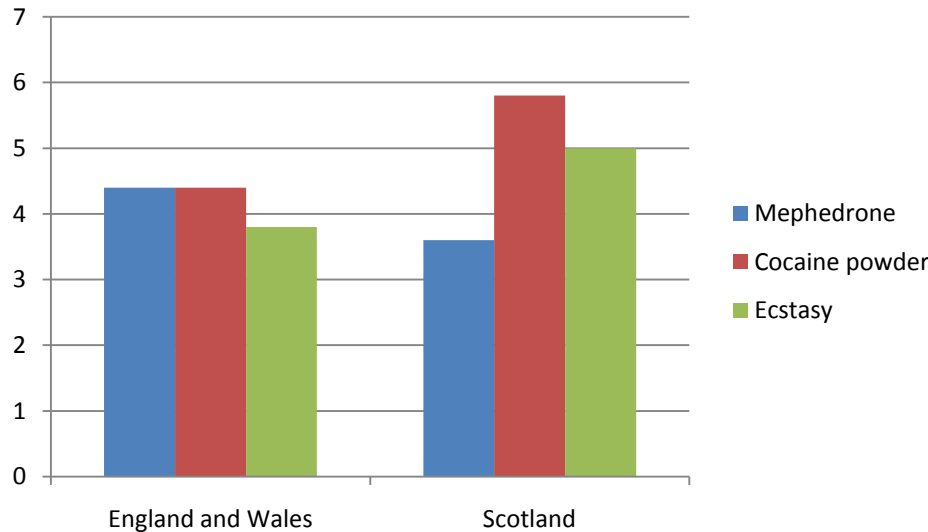
# PANEL 1: SITUATION

# Prevalence of use of NPS



Source: British Crime Survey 2010/11

16-59 year olds, last year



Source: British Crime Survey 2010/11; Scottish Crime & Justice Survey 2010/11

16-24 year olds, last year

# Use of new psychoactive substances

91% of last year mephedrone users (16-59) reported use of another drug in the last year in England and Wales

- 72% cannabis
- 53% cocaine powder
- 48% ecstasy

# Recent changes to the control system

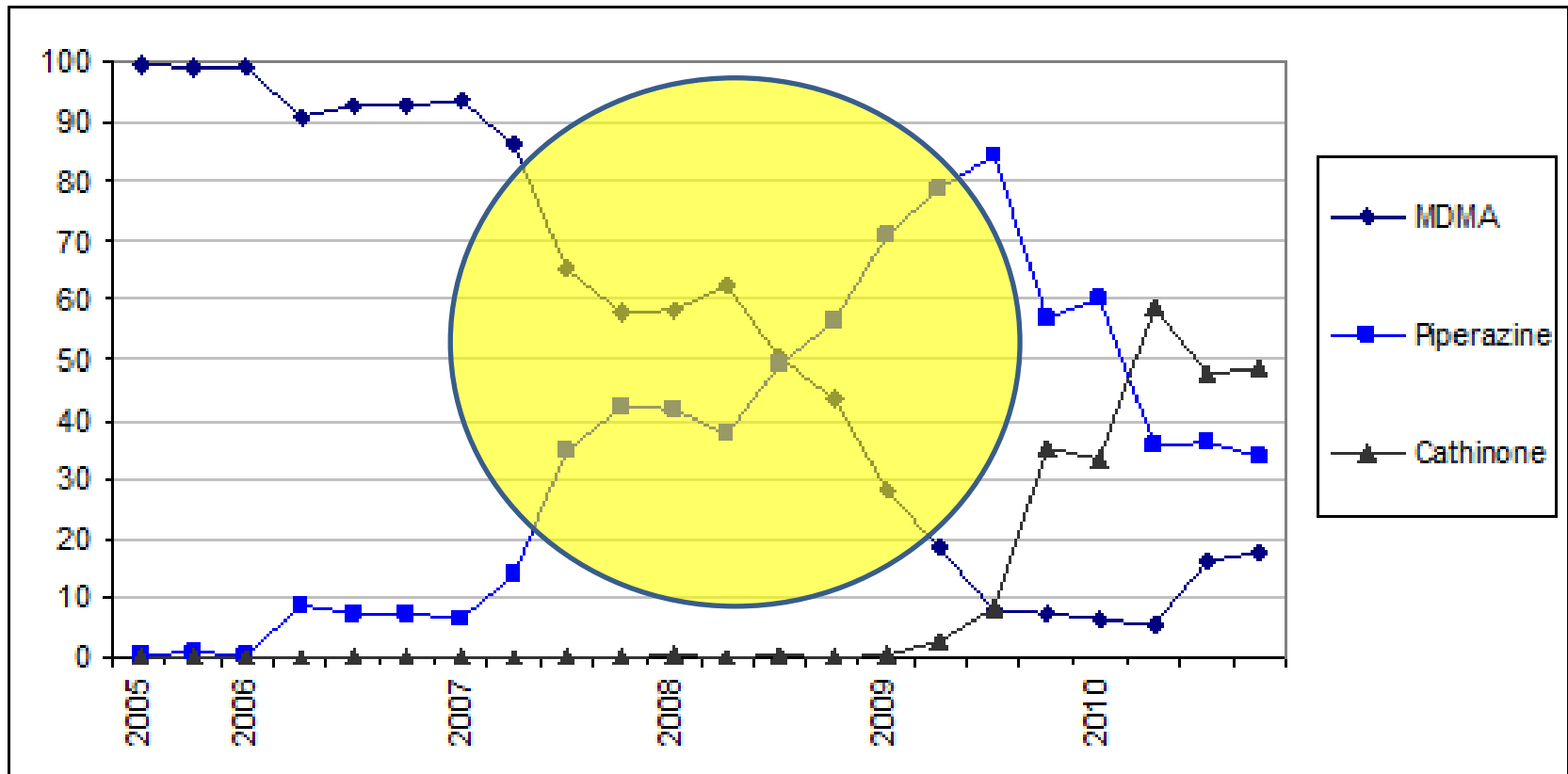
- Introduction of the temporary class drug order (TCDO)
- 12 month order – simple possession not unlawful
- SoS must consult the Advisory Council on Misuse Drugs (ACMD) before invoking order
- ACMD can initiate also – recommend to SoS that a substance be subject to a TCDO

# PANEL 2: TOOLS AND CHALLENGES OF MONITORING

## Key indicators - GPS

- Which drugs to include – low use of most legal highs
- How to categorise, e.g mephedrone or cathinones
- Include in any drug measure?
- People unsure what they're taking – 19% unknown white powder
- Users may not be taking what they think they're taking

# Seizures/forensic data



Source: Forensic Science Service



# PANEL 3: NEW APPROACHES IN MONITORING AND DATA COLLECTION