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COCAETHYLENE

Its impact on
The Night Time Economy
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Objectives For Today

• To understand how cocaethylene creates issues in policing the night time economy

• To understand what Durham Police are doing to deal with the matter

• Understanding the partnership approach

• Why making Durham a safe place to drink is so important.
What's It All About?

Aiming For EXCELLENCE
Where the problem lies

• Cocaine has a half life of 40-50 minutes, and it’s effects on the body are felt rapidly, peaking after 15-20 minutes when ‘snorted’, and wearing off by 1.5 hours. When injected or ‘freebased’, or when crack is smoked, the effects are almost instantaneous, and last for only 15 minutes or so.
• Mix this with alcohol and the Cocaethylene formed creates a highly volatile mixture.
• This creates greater than normal problems for the police.
The Effects

Cocaethylene is produced when alcohol and cocaine is combined in the body. It hightens and intensifies the euphoric effect of cocaine, but also amplifies the depressive effect of alcohol. So, the user might feel on top of the world at the start of the night, but as the evening wears on, things get progressively worse. It puts an added strain on the body and side effects include increased aggressive behaviour or getting into vulnerable situations. Cocaethylene also takes twice as long to be processed by the body than normal alcohol, and raises the risk of increased damage to the liver and other parts of the body.
The Effects on Society
"Addressing Problems"

- **Requirements** - Must
  - Involve drugs dogs
  - Use trace detection devices - if available
  - Involve partners and other agencies
  - Be high profile and overt
  - Have funding over and above core policing
  - Link together enforcement, awareness and treatment solutions

- **BE CONTINUOUS AND SUSTAINED**
“Addressing Problems”
Licensees and Doorstaff working in partnership
“The Passive Drugs Dog”
Night Time Economy

“Targeting pubs, clubs and rail stations at night to combat recreational drug misuse within the night-time economy, utilising plain clothed and uniform officers supported with drugs dogs and trace detection drug testing machine as a condition of entry to venues.” (with multi agency option)
“Addressing Problems”

Drugs education and awareness

'Help young people to resist drug misuse to reach their full potential'

"A school based enforcement and education package demonstrating the use of police resources in tackling drug misuse with outreach support delivered to staff, students and parents"
A hard hitting campaign showing the real effects of mixing drugs and alcohol has been launched by students at the Nottingham Trent University.
www.drinkingwithcharlie.co.uk
What Is The Impact On Enforcement?

• The need to constantly adapt
• Education of staff, the vendors of alcohol and the public
• Making good use of intelligence.
• Dealing with the root causes.
• Being one step ahead.
• Heightened awareness during arrest
What Work Is Ongoing?

- Development Of Joint Enforcement Protocols Between Police, Local Authorities and Responsible Authorities.
- Enhancement Of Data Collection And Dissemination Within The Police
- Development Of Data Sharing With Other Agencies.
- Evidence Gathering and Reviews
Thank You

Any Questions

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