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### Answers to popular questions about drugs and drug issues

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-  [Are all drugs addictive?](#)  
It depends on what we mean by addiction.
-  [Does cannabis lead to taking other drugs?](#)  
This is the so-called 'escalation' hypothesis, or 'gateway theory'.
-  [Does drug education stop drug use?](#)  
In the past many people hoped that drug education would prevent young people from ever using drugs...
-  [Does treatment work?](#)  
There are many types drug treatment in the UK...
-  [How are the UK s drug laws enforced?](#)  
There are a number of UK legislative controls to restrict the supply and use of drugs in the UK. The following agencies are responsible for enforcing them.
-  [How effective are media campaigns?](#)  
Trying to determine the impact of media campaigns on attitudes to particular issues is not easy.
-  [How many drugs are seized by customs?](#)  
Every year HM Customs and Excise intercept hundreds of shipments or people bringing illicit drugs into the country.
-  [How many people are addicted?](#)  
Addiction or problematic use is a difficult concept to measure
-  [How many people are convicted of drug offences?](#)  
In 1997 just over 26,00 people were found guilty in a court or given a caution for a drug offence in the UK...
-  [How many people die from drugs?](#)  
The straight answer is that we do not know exactly how many drug-related deaths there are in the UK. This is because:

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