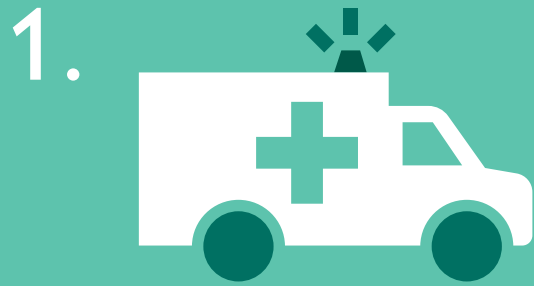


**WALES  
DRUG STATISTICS**

Source: Data mining Wales 2016/17



Between 2012 and 2017 increases in hospital admissions related to cannabis/cannabinoids have increased by 73% and for cocaine by 81%.



Opioids account for considerably more hospital admissions than any other illicit substance for people between the ages of 25 to 49.



In 2016/17 there were 6,518 hospital admissions related to illicit drugs. This has increased by 3.6% from 2015/16.



Males made up 58% of the 6,518 hospital admissions



Individuals aged 50 and over made up 18.8% of all admissions to hospital for illicit drug use in 2016/17.



Of all admissions for illicit drugs in 2016/17, 711 (11.2%) were reported as involving multiple drugs.



Since 2007/08 the number of admissions for multiple drugs has increased by 173% (from 260 to 711 admissions per year).