

# Xanax Warning

Agencies have become informed of a number of young people in Salisbury area using Xanax (Alprazolam). Initial reports indicate that young people as young as 14 are using this drug.

The drug is not licenced in this country for use with young people, although some private hospitals may prescribe to adults. It is understood that the drug has been obtained through illicit sources.



Xanax (alprazolam) is a benzodiazepine (ben-zoe-dye-AZE-eh-peen). Alprazolam affects chemicals in the brain that may be unbalanced in people with anxiety. Xanax is used to treat anxiety disorders, panic disorders, and anxiety caused by depression

This medication can increase the effects of alcohol and Alprazolam may be habit-forming.

Xanax overdose may include one or more of the following symptoms:

Fatigue, mental confusion, hypotension, impaired motor function, impaired or absent reflexes, muscle weakness, impaired balance, dizziness, fainting, respiratory depression, coma and death.

If it is suspected anyone has taken Xanax then 999 should be called immediately.

Further substance misuse support for young people can be accessed through Motiv8, 0800 169 6136.