

Rise in teen drug use

A British Medical Journal survey has revealed a sharp rise in illicit drug use amongst teenagers and also shows clear links between drug use and academic performance

Percentage of 15 and 16 year olds who have admitted to using drugs



Girls



Boys

Cannabis

45



Glue/solvents

21.0

19.7

LSD/hallucinogens

17.0

Amphetamines

12.2

12.3

14.5

Ecstasy

7.3

9.2

Heroin

Crack

2.2

2.7

1.5

1.7