

# DRUG ALERT

## DANGEROUS SUBSTANCE – Capsules sold as Pregabalin “PREGABS”

In Redcar and Cleveland we have received multiple confirmed reports of people including children, using and on occasion overdosing and being hospitalised after taking capsules they believed to be “Pregabalin”. To date, these have been red and white capsules with the word ‘Signature’ on them (as shown in the photo, below). Reports have been from service users and various emergency accommodation providers.

Overdoses are rendering the user unconsciousness, with pinpoint and fixed pupils, shallow/difficulty breathing (or not breathing at all), and blue-ish colour to their lips.

**The capsules may prove fatal to anyone taking them.**

It is impossible to tell exactly what is in a drug just by looking at it, even if users have taken something similar before



Naloxene is used to treat a known or suspected opiate overdose emergency in children and adults.

### **Pregabalin testing analysis in this area**

Received the results from the police and this is what was found.

The “Signature” pregabalin contained:

1. Pregabalin 67%
2. Fluometuron 17% (Harmful if swallowed)
3. L- Amphetamine Sulphate 16% (toxic)

The small white oval tablet contained a mixture of generic non controlled substances.

The small round tablet possibly Zopiclone contained some Parexyl, which is a muscle relaxant and some generic non controlled substances.

The blue round tablet with a `Z` contained a mixture of generic non controlled substances, but experience has proved it *might* contain a very small amount of Zopiclone. Our instrument is not sensitive enough to detect small quantities.

Ingredients reviewed on website <https://pubchem.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/>

Unrelated Pregabalin capsule (non-Signature); which was analysed for comparison and the results for that were:

1. Pregabalin 60%
2. Bromofenvinphos-ethyl 30% (Herbicide)
3. Tetramethoxy cyclohexadine 9% (flammable and an irritant)

**Please contact We are with drugs service for further information-  
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