

Use of ketamine in France: recent trends (2012-2013)



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This memo produced by the OFDT's TREND (Emerging trends and new drugs) Unit focuses on ketamine, a veterinary and human anaesthetic. Some drug users seek its exhilarating, intoxicating and "numbing" effects at low doses, while a smaller fraction of users experiment with higher doses and experience hallucinations and mind-body dissociation. In 2012-2013, the TREND network sites reported a continued spread of ketamine use in both the alternative party scene (including other settings such as clubs and discotheques) and the urban setting (among marginalised users), owing to the improved image of this drug which subsequently allays fears.

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