

# ACMD advice: future use and purpose of Temporary Class Drug Orders

Dr Owen Bowden-Jones, chair of the Advisory Council on the Misuse of Drugs (ACMD) writes to the Home Secretary in response to a July 2017 commissioning letter which asked the ACMD to consider the future use and purpose of Temporary Class Drug Orders (TCDOs).

The ACMD's response concludes that TCDOs remain a highly useful tool that can enable immediate action on substances of severe harm, and that the mechanism should remain unchanged at the present time.