

## Drug Checking Project 2020/2021

The drug checking program did 565 tests over the 2020/2021 period in community settings in West Kootenay Boundary.

COVID made the illicit drug supply more inconsistent with the fentanyl/down supply the most affected. Benzos were introduced into the fentanyl supply and is still 50% of the supply across BC. Cocaine also saw a drop in uncut cocaine with the price rising and the percentage of cut, mostly phenacetin, rising.

I travelled to Trail, Grand Forks and Cranbrook to offer drug checking this year and see this as something to continue.



Drug checking at COINS in Grand Forks

Festivals did not happen this year so Joe and I made some videos:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DZrSpOP9FMI&t=3s>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rnuf0xBdULs>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RByw1Q4oHM>

I want to take a moment to say goodbye to the ANKORS family. Thank you so much for 17 or 18, I can't remember, years of adventure, challenge, learning, support, rebel revolution, heart break, love, resilience and fun. I became who I am today from working here and hanging with all you cats. I am so proud to say my harm reduction parents are ANKORS. I hope for the future of front line to be softer on the people in it. It has been hard I'm not going to lie. I'm going to fight for ways to take the load off of the people most vulnerable that we work with and the workers that support them too.

I am moving on to work alongside Jen Driscoll at Interior Health in a harm reduction coordinator position.



I love you all

Chloe