

Reducing Supply – The World Picture

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The Current Threat - Cocaine

- UK Use of cocaine growing; Evidence of two level market, one at wholesale with high purity cocaine and street market with lower purity.
- Cocaine produced in Colombia continues to dominate the European and UK markets; Colombia remains the base for most organised crime groups involved.
- Venezuela is now a key storage and transit route.
- Increasing importance of West Africa in the bulk flow of cocaine.
- Netherlands and Spain remain key staging posts to the UK
- British Organised Crime Groups are prepared to go further and collect larger loads

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Trafficking Methodology - Submersibles

1  Reduce supply

2  Reduce harm

3  Reduce demand



Semi-submersible vessel recovered in La Guajira, Colombia, 5th August 2007

Trafficking Methodology – Merchant Ships



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Aircraft intercepted with two tons of cocaine destined for West Africa and onto Europe

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The Current Threat - Heroin

- Readily Available at prices that have fallen steadily. This may reflect a plateau in the use of heroin throughout the UK.
- 90% of UK's identified heroin supply originates in Afghanistan. Poppy cultivation continues to rise in-country
- Turkey is the most significant staging post for heroin supplied to Europe and UK
- Pakistan is a significant transit country
- Netherlands still a key secondary distribution centre
- Some evidence of heroin being stockpiled, unclear if due to price regulation or over production. It is assessed that the supply of heroin to Europe is more than sufficient for UK demand

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The Current Threat – Synthetic Drugs



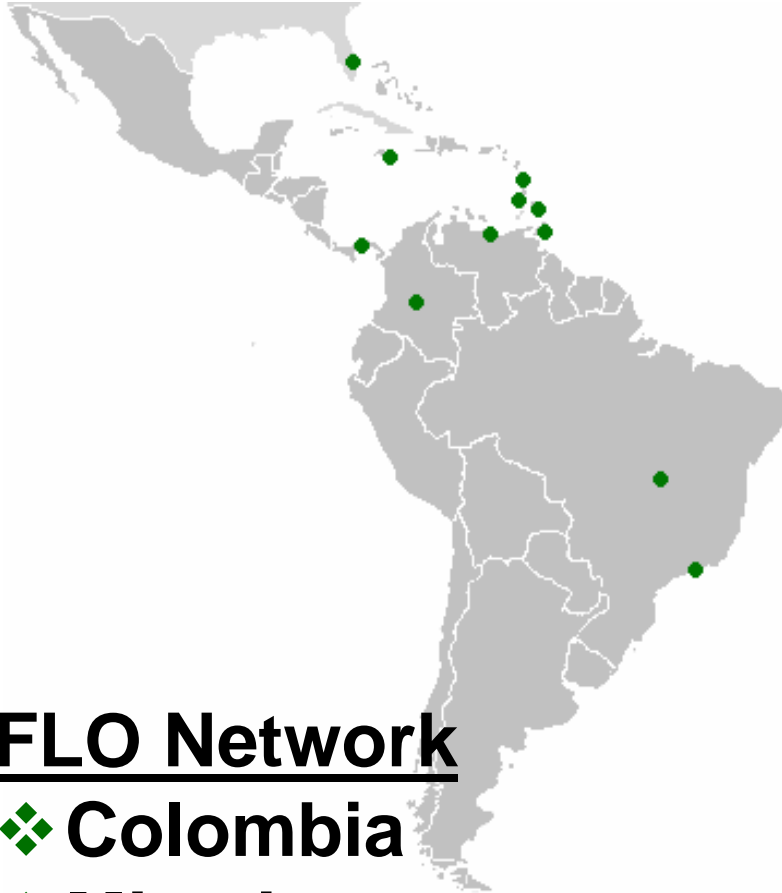
- European partners and UK law enforcement report low levels of crystal methamphetamine seizures
- European partners assess that UK is end market for majority of synthetic drugs produced on near continent

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- ❖ Washington DC
- ❖ Miami
- ❖ Jamaica
- ❖ Barbados
- ❖ Martinique
- ❖ Trinidad
- ❖ St. Lucia
- ❖ Colombia
- ❖ Venezuela
- ❖ Brazil
- ❖ Panama

FLO Network

- ❖ Colombia
- ❖ Miami



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Destined for the UK?

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