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Warning over strawberry meth hoax

Essex Police is reassuring members of the public that there is no truth in rumours that sweets contaminated with the drug crystal meth are being sold on the county's streets.

Officers in various parts of Essex have been asked by anxious parents if there is any truth in stories of Strawberry Quick or Strawberry Meth being offered to young people.

Essex Police controlled drugs liaison officer, Allan Adam, said: 'The rumour around crystal meth being put in sweets is nothing more than an urban myth. It is a story without any foundation which has been circulating for some years.

"I would reassure parents and children that there is absolutely no truth to the rumour and no evidence of any such drug has ever been found.

If anyone has concerns about illegal drugs or wishes to seek advice, each school has a police liaison officer who can assist with any issues about drug taking.

"If you are sent this rumour, or someone tells you about it, please tell them there is no truth in it and please don't forward it to anyone else. Misinformation is not helpful in the work that police and others do to combat use of real illegal drugs."



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