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Stop using cocaine. From 2005 to 2009 the number of under-25s who sought help to get off cocaine rose from 1,591 to 2,998 after recognising how dependent on it they had become.

The rise in cocaine use came despite a significant fall in heroin and crack addiction identified by data from the NHS's National Treatment Agency for Substance Misuse (NTA).

Paul Hayes, the NTA chief executive, said that most of the increase in powder cocaine use is as part of a lifestyle rather than necessarily the consequences of the problems associated with poverty, crime and social dislocation.