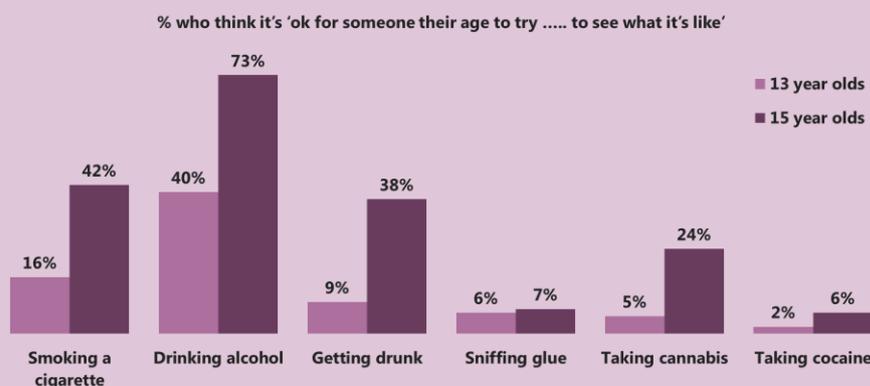




Scottish Adolescent Lifestyle and Substance Use Survey (SALSUS) 2015 SIX KEY FACTS ABOUT ATTITUDES TO SUBSTANCE USE

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15 year olds were much more likely than 13 year olds to think it's ok for someone their age to try substances.



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There were few gender differences among 13 year olds. 15 year old girls were a little more likely than boys to think it was ok to try smoking, drinking alcohol or getting drunk. 15 year old boys were more likely than girls to think it was ok to try sniffing glue, taking cannabis or taking cocaine

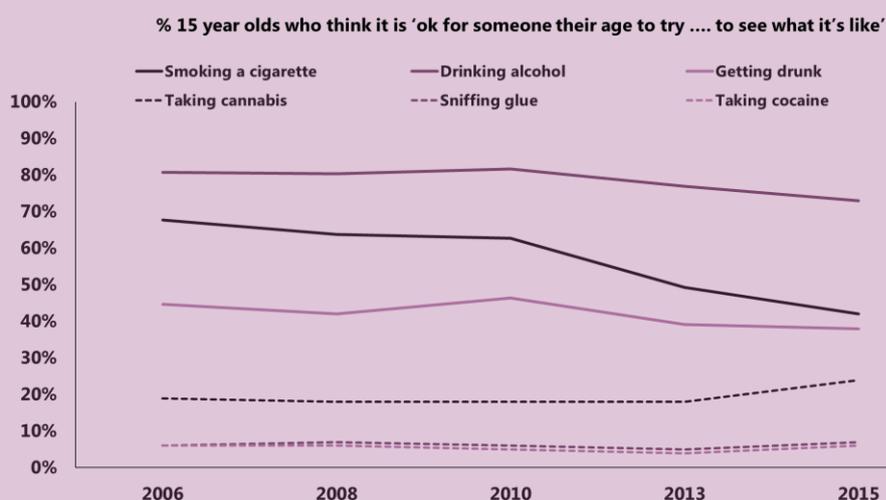
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There was a strong correlation between thinking it was ok to try something and actually trying it.

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The gap is widest in relation to trying cannabis and cocaine: those who have tried drugs themselves are many times more likely to think both are ok.

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Over time, the proportion of 15 year olds thinking it's ok to try smoking has dropped considerably and the proportion thinking it's ok to try drinking alcohol or getting drunk has also dropped – this is in line with prevalence rates.

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There has been an increase since 2013 in the proportion of both boys and girls who think it's ok to try cannabis. And there has been a small increase in the number of boys who have taken cannabis in the last month since 2013 (though not girls).