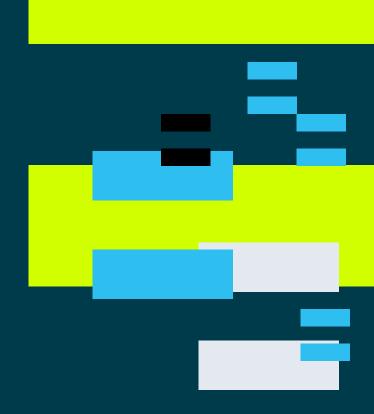


# DOPING AND PUBLIC HEALTH

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#### MORTEN HEIERDAL, MANAGER, 2013 - 2023

#### >900 lectures/lectures - 82,000 listeners

- Schools and sports teams
- Public health nurses and parents
- The Norwegian Police University College (PHS)
- The Norwegian Correctional Service (KDI)
- The Norwegian Correctional Service's University College and Education Centre (KRUS)
- The Norwegian Armed Forces Conscription Centre (FPVS)
- The Armed Forces' Narcotics Group
- The Norwegian Ministries' Security and Service Organisation (DSS)
- The Norwegian Centre for Substance Abuse and Addiction (AKAN)
- Norwegian School of Sport Sciences (NIH)
- Inland Norway University of Applied Sciences, Lillehammer and Elverum (INN)
- Kristiania University College
- The doping contact

#### Education and competence:

- <u>"Insider knowledge" (2000-2010)</u>
- Education at Lillehammer University College (2015-2018/2021-2023)

#### Publications:

<u>A Mixed-Method Evaluation of a Prison Anti-Doping Intervention: The Hercules Prison Program</u> (2021)



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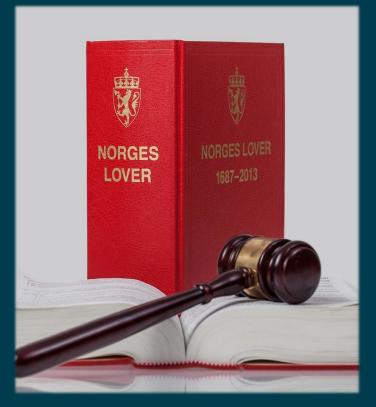
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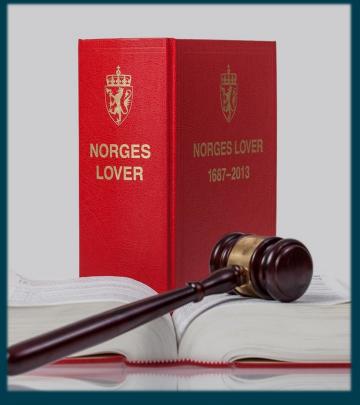
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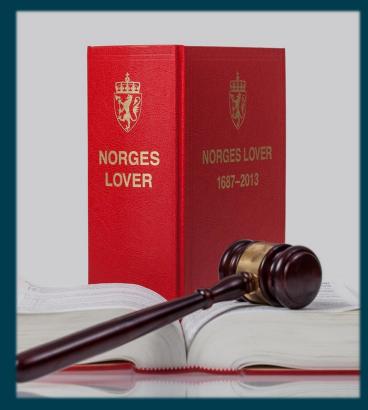
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#### Section 235. *Aggravated doping offence*

The penalty for an aggravated doping offence is imprisonment for a term not exceeding six years.







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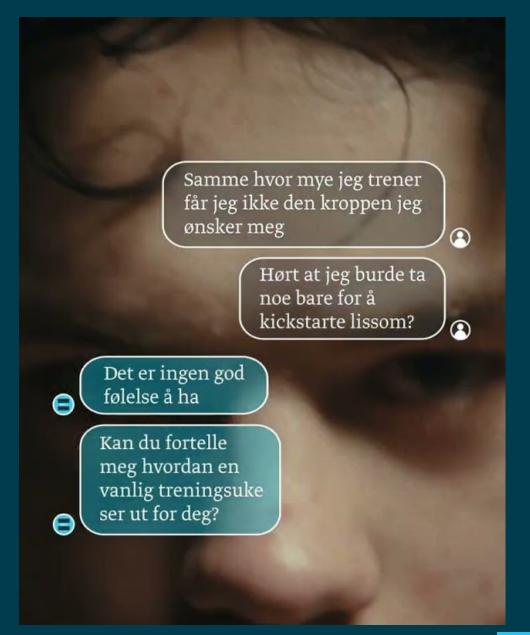


### **«DOPINGKONTAKTEN»**

#### - Anonymous chat service

- 600 annual inquiries
  - 2023: 60% increse in number of inquiries
  - Age: 14 24

- Body image perception
  - 26% experience «a whole lot» or «a lot» pressure to enhance their body appearance (Bakken, 2022).
  - The *StatusUng!*-rapport 4 out of 5 experience negative stress (Skaar, 2022).
  - 70% in the age of 16 24 says they are training to «look good» (Statistisk sentralbyrå, 2021).







#### "Dopingkontakten" and Kasper Kvello

- "The strength trainer" on TikTok
- Over 500.000 views
- Increased demand for chat



SPØR OSS OM TRENING, KROPPSPRESS OG DOPING

# **STATISTICS 2023**

- Considering use of doping
- Exercising at a gym
- Anabolic Androgenic Steroids
- SARMs
- MK-677/ibutamoren
- Ecdysteroids
- Ashwagandha
- PWO



# WHAT ARE THE CHARACTERISTICS OF YOUNG PEOPLE ON THE DOPING CONTACT?

- Ordinary young people, at school, in sports, at the gym
- Chasing perfection
- Trying to fix a problem
- Short on time
- The pressure comes from within, they have strict demands on their own bodies
- But... Where do they get their ideals from?

# TRENDS AT «DOPINGKONTAKTEN»

- Testosterone Replacement Therapy (TRT)
- "I have long considered a "TRT cycle". 16 weeks 125mg/week. I am wondering about a few things. Can I tell my doctor about the cycle so he can do the "bloodwork" "adapted" to what I do? Do you understand what I mean? And is it necessary to do PCT after only doing testo?"

Male, 23.







# **LOW LEVELS, SAFE DOSES = TRT?**

#### Better safe than sorry

"The levels are not satisfactory; I have symptoms of low testosterone. Depression and zero energy, among other things"

#### "Maximum" testosterone levels within the normal range

"I'm currently at the top within the normal range. About 1000 nanograms per deciliter. I have deliberately chosen relatively high levels when first taken the step of using TRT"

#### "Safe" doses

"Thinking about using TRT with strength training, low doses. I read somewhere that it is safe to use. You can even get it from your doctor.



#### Camouflage

- "Personally, I would not see this as doping, but self-treatment of a medicine that is safer than antidepressants or suicide"
- "Isn't TRT already being used as medicine?"

#### Boys' cosmetic «procedures»

"Yes, I'm fully aware that a test result wouldn't be ideal, but that's part of the game;) Many girls undergo surgeries. It is basically safe (and legal) but mistakes happen there too. I think it's a risk assessment, at least I'm willing to take it"

#### Ignorance

"Just had some questions regarding TRT i.e. testosterone. I have considered for a long time doing a cycle. What is the better choice among the different types? I do know it has its side effects and stuff, but I want to know what the smarter choice would be"



# **UNGDATA 21/22**

"Doping agents are illegal substances that can be used to perform better in sports, get bigger muscles or lose weight. Examples of such substances are anabolic steroids, testosterone preparations, growth hormone, ephedrine and SARMs."

#### Do you think it's okay for someone to use illegal doping agents to...

	Yes, pretty okay or Yes, perfectly fine	Don't know
perform better in sports?	5,6 %	9,0%
Get bigger muscles?	18%	12%
lose weight?	19%	15%



# **UNGDATA**

#### - Annual national questionary



Organized sport Training on their own Other organized activities Fitness Centre



# **THANK YOU**

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