

Table HB2: Drug-related deaths by underlying cause of death¹ and NHS Board area, 2015

NHS Board area	All causes of death	Underlying cause of death (ICD10 codes)				
		Drug abuse (F11-F16, F19)	Accidental poisoning (X40-X44)	Intentional self-poisoning (X60-X64)	Assault by drugs, etc. (X85)	Undetermined intent (Y10-Y14)
(i) New coding rules						
Scotland	706	49	553	54	0	50
Ayrshire & Arran	43	0	40	2	0	1
Borders	13	1	5	4	0	3
Dumfries & Galloway	11	2	8	0	0	1
Fife	44	2	31	5	0	6
Forth Valley	31	3	20	3	0	5
Grampian	69	1	51	7	0	10
Greater Glasgow & Clyde	221	25	180	9	0	7
Highland	35	0	23	5	0	7
Lanarkshire	73	4	61	6	0	2
Lothian	100	7	79	7	0	7
Orkney	1	0	1	0	0	0
Shetland	1	0	1	0	0	0
Tayside	63	4	53	5	0	1
Western Isles	1	0	0	1	0	0
(ii) Old coding rules						
Scotland	706	495	123	54	0	34
Ayrshire & Arran	43	38	3	2	0	0
Borders	13	5	1	4	0	3
Dumfries & Galloway	11	9	1	0	0	1
Fife	44	33	4	5	0	2
Forth Valley	31	25	1	3	0	2
Grampian	69	54	3	7	0	5
Greater Glasgow & Clyde	221	159	47	9	0	6
Highland	35	18	5	5	0	7
Lanarkshire	73	39	26	6	0	2
Lothian	100	69	19	7	0	5
Orkney	1	1	0	0	0	0
Shetland	1	1	0	0	0	0
Tayside	63	44	13	5	0	1
Western Isles	1	0	0	1	0	0

Footnote

1) The coding rules were changed with effect from the start of 2011, as explained in paragraph 2.6 of the commentary.

Briefly, 'drug abuse' deaths from 'acute intoxication' were previously counted under 'mental and behavioural disorders due to psychoactive substance use' (unless they were known to be due to intentional self-harm or assault). They are now counted under the appropriate 'poisoning' category.

For example, if the cause of death of a known drug abuser was given as 'adverse effects of heroin' (and it was not intentional self-harm or assault), the underlying cause of death would be coded as follows:

(a) up to 2010 - as 'F11 - mental and behavioural disorders due to use of opioids'.

(b) from 2011 - the appropriate 'poisoning' category, such as 'X42 - accidental poisoning by and exposure to narcotics and psychodysleptics (hallucinogens) not elsewhere classified'.

National Records of Scotland has estimated what the figures for 2015 would have been, had the data been coded using the old rules.