

Table HB3: Drug-related deaths by selected drugs reported¹ and NHS Board area, 2015

NHS Board area	All drug-related deaths	Heroin / morphine ²	Methadone	Heroin / morphine, Methadone or Buprenorphine	Codeine or a codeine-containing compound	Dihydro-codeine or a d.h.c.-containing compound	Any opiate or opioid	Benzodiazepines		Cocaine	Ecstasy-type	Amphetamines	Alcohol
								Any benzo-diazepine	of which: Diazepam				
Scotland	706	345	251	493	31	94	606	191	128	93	15	17	107
Ayrshire & Arran	43	29	22	38	0	3	41	10	2	9	0	1	8
Borders	13	8	0	8	2	2	12	1	1	0	0	0	0
Dumfries & Galloway	11	6	2	7	0	1	8	0	0	0	2	0	2
Fife	44	27	19	34	0	3	37	11	8	1	1	2	7
Forth Valley	31	18	10	21	0	4	24	8	7	4	0	2	5
Grampian	69	29	33	48	3	12	61	43	30	16	2	0	10
Greater Glasgow & Clyde	221	99	77	154	10	24	187	42	25	42	1	10	35
Highland	35	14	9	21	2	5	29	12	6	3	1	0	4
Lanarkshire	73	38	14	46	5	8	60	8	3	8	4	1	14
Lothian	100	34	43	66	4	20	86	19	17	8	3	1	9
Orkney	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
Shetland	1	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tayside	63	42	22	49	5	10	58	36	28	2	1	0	13
Western Isles	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0

Footnotes

1) More than one drug may be reported per death. These are mentions of each drug, and should not be added to give total deaths. Up to 2007, some pathologists reported only those drugs which they thought caused, or contributed to, the death. With effect from 2008, pathologists report separately (a) drugs which were implicated in, or which potentially contributed to, the cause of death and (b) other drugs which were present but which were not considered to have had any direct contribution to the death.

The figures in this table are on the first basis - this is basis (a) - which has been the standard basis for figures for individual drugs with effect from "Drug-related Deaths in Scotland in 2009".

There may be other differences between years and/or areas in the way in which the information was produced - more information can be found in Section 2 of the commentary.

2) More information can be found in paragraph 3.3.1 of the commentary.