

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

Deaths in which particular drugs were involved, counted on the 'all drugs present' basis.

So, this table counts both;

(a) drugs implicated in, or which potentially contributed to, the cause of death; and

(b) other drugs which were present, but were not considered to have had any direct contribution to the death.

So these figures are 'not' on the standard basis that National Records of Scotland (NRS) uses to produce statistics of individual drugs.

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 benzodiazepine	of which: Diazepam				
Scotland	706	356	272	509	63	126	629	501	434	105	15	25	258
Ayrshire & Arran	43	30	24	38	3	7	42	37	29	9	0	2	21
Borders	13	8	0	8	3	2	12	8	6	0	0	0	5
Dumfries & Galloway	11	6	3	7	0	1	8	5	5	0	2	0	4
Fife	44	29	20	36	6	4	40	34	32	1	1	3	23
Forth Valley	31	19	11	22	5	5	27	22	20	4	0	3	15
Grampian	69	29	34	49	7	14	63	52	36	17	2	0	26
Greater Glasgow & Clyde	221	101	81	159	16	33	195	158	142	50	1	13	73
Highland	35	15	11	21	6	5	29	26	20	3	1	0	10
Lanarkshire	73	39	16	48	7	13	63	42	37	9	4	2	28
Lothian	100	37	46	69	5	28	88	68	66	9	3	1	36
Orkney	1	0	1	1	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	25	50	5	12	59	48	40	3	1	1	17
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 were not considered to have had any direct contribution to the death.

Basis (a) is now the standard basis for figures for individual drugs.

The figures in this table are for all drugs found present - that is, cover both (a) and (b) - so are 'not' on the standard basis for figures for individual drugs.

2) Refer to paragraph 3.3.1 of commentary.