

Table HBX: Drug-related deaths by selected drugs reported¹ and NHS Board area, 2011

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	Benzodiazepines			Cocaine	Ecstasy	Amphet- amines	Alcohol
				Any benzo- diazepine	of which: Diazepam	Temaz- epam				
Scotland	584	225	290	423	357	30	55	8	35	241
Ayrshire & Arran	47	19	29	38	34	0	2	2	5	15
Borders	8	3	4	5	4	0	2	0	1	4
Dumfries & Galloway	12	5	7	10	8	1	0	0	0	2
Fife	34	16	16	21	20	7	0	0	2	11
Forth Valley	26	10	10	12	12	1	1	0	4	7
Grampian	58	14	29	51	11	1	12	0	4	28
Greater Glasgow & Clyde	192	88	97	152	144	5	30	1	5	93
Highland	33	11	13	22	19	5	0	3	6	18
Lanarkshire	52	20	20	34	30	0	3	0	4	22
Lothian	73	14	42	48	47	6	3	2	4	30
Orkney	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Shetland	3	0	1	2	0	0	1	0	0	0
Tayside	45	25	22	28	28	4	1	0	0	11
Western Isles	1	0	0	0	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 - i.e. cover both (a) and (b) - so are not on the standard basis for figures for individual drugs.

While they are on the same basis as the 'individual drugs' figures that were published in 'Drug-related Deaths in Scotland in 2008', they are not on the same basis as the figures published in the 2009 and 2010 editions (which include some revised figures for individual drugs for 2008).

There may be other differences between years and/or areas in the way in which the information was produced - further information can be found in Section 2 of Drug-related Deaths in Scotland in 2011, available on the National Records of Scotland website.

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