

Table HB2: Drug-related deaths by underlying cause of death¹ and NHS Board area, 2012

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)
(a) New coding rules						
Scotland	581	26	365	65	0	125
Ayrshire & Arran	43	1	36	4	0	2
Borders	7	0	1	4	0	2
Dumfries & Galloway	6	0	3	1	0	2
Fife	38	5	9	3	0	21
Forth Valley	31	1	10	6	0	14
Grampian	31	0	25	3	0	3
Greater Glasgow & Clyde	193	8	138	21	0	26
Highland	22	0	14	3	0	5
Lanarkshire	61	3	41	4	0	13
Lothian	90	3	38	13	0	36
Orkney	1	0	1	0	0	0
Shetland	2	0	1	0	0	1
Tayside	55	5	48	2	0	0
Western Isles	1	0	0	1	0	0
(b) Old coding rules						
Scotland	581	381	72	65	0	63
Ayrshire & Arran	43	28	10	4	0	1
Borders	7	1	0	4	0	2
Dumfries & Galloway	6	4	0	1	0	1
Fife	38	27	2	3	0	6
Forth Valley	31	19	3	6	0	3
Grampian	31	23	2	3	0	3
Greater Glasgow & Clyde	193	129	26	21	0	17
Highland	22	12	4	3	0	3
Lanarkshire	61	37	12	4	0	8
Lothian	90	52	7	13	0	18
Orkney	1	0	1	0	0	0
Shetland	2	1	0	0	0	1
Tayside	55	48	5	2	0	0
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 2012 would have been, had the data been coded using the old rules.