

Table HB3: Drug-related deaths by selected drugs reported¹ and NHS Board area, 2012

NHS Board area	All drug-related deaths	Heroin / morphine ²	Methadone	Benzodiazepines			Cocaine	Ecstasy	Amphetamines	Alcohol
				Any benzo-diazepine	of which: Diazepam	Temazepam				
Scotland	581	221	237	196	160	6	31	9	18	111
Ayrshire & Arran	43	19	26	13	11	0	4	0	2	6
Borders	7	2	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	0
Dumfries & Galloway	6	4	4	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Fife	38	11	14	21	20	0	2	1	2	4
Forth Valley	31	16	9	14	12	0	2	1	1	9
Grampian	31	9	15	21	18	0	6	2	0	4
Greater Glasgow & Clyde	193	82	80	29	18	2	7	1	6	36
Highland	22	9	4	10	3	0	0	0	0	5
Lanarkshire	61	22	15	9	4	1	6	1	0	18
Lothian	90	18	46	35	31	3	2	1	4	14
Orkney	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Shetland	2	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	1
Tayside	55	29	23	42	41	0	1	1	2	13
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 which were not considered to have had any direct contribution to the death.

The figures in this table are on the first basis - i.e. basis (a) - which is now the standard basis for figures for individual drugs. They are on a different basis from those published in Table HB3 of 'Drug-related Deaths in Scotland in 2008' and earlier editions.

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.