

Table HB2: Drug-related deaths by underlying cause of death¹ and NHS Board area, 2013

NHS Board area	All causes of death	Drug abuse (F11-F16, F19)	Underlying cause of death (ICD10 codes)			
			Accidental poisoning (X40-X44)	Intentional self-poisoning (X60-X64)	Assault by drugs, etc. (X85)	Undetermined intent (Y10-Y14)
(i) New coding rules						
Scotland	526	22	365	50	1	88
Ayrshire & Arran	36	2	28	5	0	1
Borders	8	1	1	1	0	5
Dumfries & Galloway	9	0	8	1	0	0
Fife	39	2	14	1	0	22
Forth Valley	24	0	12	2	0	10
Grampian	50	2	40	5	0	3
Greater Glasgow & Clyde	138	5	118	12	0	3
Highland	18	0	13	2	0	3
Lanarkshire	75	5	54	11	0	5
Lothian	90	5	45	6	0	34
Orkney	1	0	1	0	0	0
Shetland	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tayside	36	0	30	3	1	2
Western Isles	2	0	1	1	0	0
(ii) Old coding rules						
Scotland	526	359	73	50	1	43
Ayrshire & Arran	36	25	6	5	0	0
Borders	8	4	0	1	0	3
Dumfries & Galloway	9	7	1	1	0	0
Fife	39	25	2	1	0	11
Forth Valley	24	16	0	2	0	6
Grampian	50	41	1	5	0	3
Greater Glasgow & Clyde	138	94	29	12	0	3
Highland	18	14	0	2	0	2
Lanarkshire	75	44	16	11	0	4
Lothian	90	62	13	6	0	9
Orkney	1	1	0	0	0	0
Shetland	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tayside	36	25	5	3	1	2
Western Isles	2	1	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 2013 would have been, had the data been coded using the old rules.

NB: the figures for each area are based on the Board boundaries that apply with effect from 1st April 2014.