

Table NPS2: Drug-related deaths on the basis of the Office for National Statistics (ONS) 'wide' definition which involved New Psychoactive Substances (NPSs), 2003 to 2013

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
All drug-related deaths (on the 'wide' definition)	493	546	480	577	630	737	716	692	749	734	685
Deaths which involved 'New Psychoactive Substances' ¹	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	11	47	47	113
<i>of which:</i>											
(a) deaths for which one (or more) New Psychoactive Substances was implicated in, or potentially contributed, to the death	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	9	28	32	60
(i) included in this report's statistics (i.e. in the Drug Strategy 'baseline' definition, as implemented by NRS) of which:	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	6	26	30	57
NPS the only substance(s)* implicated in the death ²	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	3	3
Other substance(s)** also implicated in the death ³	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	26	27	54
(ii) <u>not</u> included in this report's statistics	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	2	2	3
<i>of which:</i>											
NPS the only substance(s)* implicated in the death ⁴	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	2	2
Other substance(s)** also implicated in the death ⁵	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1
(b) deaths for which one (or more) New Psychoactive Substances was present but not considered to have contributed to the death	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	19	15	53
<i>of which:</i>											
(i) included in this report's statistics ⁶	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	19	15	52
(ii) <u>not</u> included in this report's statistics ⁷	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Total: all deaths which involved New Psychoactive Substances	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	11	47	47	113
<i>of which:</i>											
(i) included in this report's statistics	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	8	45	45	109
(ii) <u>not</u> included in this report's statistics	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	2	2	4

Footnotes

1) The substances which are counted (for the purpose of these figures) as 'New Psychoactive Substances' are described in Annex E.

2) e.g. the death was after 15 April 2010, the cause of death was certified as "mephedrone intoxication", and no other substance was said to have been found.

3) e.g. the cause of death was certified as 'adverse effects of methadone and mephedrone'.

Note that the date of death is not a factor, because methadone has 'always' been controlled.

4) e.g. the death occurred up to 15 April 2010, the cause of death was certified as "mephedrone intoxication", and no other substance was said to have been found.

5) e.g. the death occurred up to 15 April 2010, and both mephedrone and an uncontrolled volatile substance were said to be implicated in, or potentially contributed, to the death.

6) e.g. the cause of death was given as 'heroin, alcohol and diazepam toxicity', and BZP and TFMPP were also present.

7) an artificial example would be a death which occurred up to 15 April 2010, co-codamol was said to be implicated in, or potentially contributed, to the death; mephedrone was said to be present but did not contribute to the death.

* apart, perhaps, from alcohol. For example, these figures would include a death for which mephedrone and alcohol were the only substances implicated (jointly).

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