

Table NPS2: Drug-related deaths on the basis of the Office for National Statistics (ONS) 'wide' definition which involved new psychoactive substances (NPSs), 2004 to 2014

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
All drug-related deaths (on the 'wide' definition)	546	480	577	630	737	716	692	749	734	685	743
Deaths which involved 'new psychoactive substances'¹	0	0	0	0	0	4	11	47	47	113	114
<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	3	9	28	32	60	62
(i) included in this report's statistics (i.e. in the Drug Strategy 'baseline' definition, as implemented by NRS)	0	0	0	0	0	2	6	26	30	58	55
<i>of which:</i>											
NPS the only substance(s)* implicated in the death ²	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	3	4	2
Other substance(s)** also implicated in the death ³	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	26	27	54	53
(ii) not included in this report's statistics	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	2	2	2	7
<i>of which:</i>											
NPS the only substance(s)* implicated in the death ⁴	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	2	2	5
Other substance(s)** also implicated in the death ⁵	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	2
(iii) total of (i) + (ii):											
NPS the only substance(s)* implicated in the death	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	1	5	6	7
Other substance(s)** also implicated in the death	0	0	0	0	0	3	2	27	27	54	55
(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	1	2	19	15	53	52
<i>of which:</i>											
(i) included in this report's statistics ⁶	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	19	15	52	51
(ii) not included in this report's statistics ⁷	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Total: all deaths which involved new psychoactive substances	0	0	0	0	0	4	11	47	47	113	114
<i>of which:</i>											
(i) included in this report's statistics	0	0	0	0	0	3	8	45	45	110	106
(ii) not included in this report's statistics	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	2	2	3	8

Footnotes

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

2) For example, 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) For example, 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) For example, 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) For example, 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) For example, the cause of death was given as 'heroin, alcohol and diazepam toxicity', and BZP and TFMP 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.

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