

Table HBX: Drug-related deaths by selected drugs reported¹ and NHS Board area, 2014

Deaths in which particular drugs were involved, counted on the 'all drugs present' basis.

So, this table counts both;

(a) drugs implicated in, or which potentially contributed to, the cause of death; and

(b) other drugs which were present, but were not considered to have had any direct contribution to the death.

So these figures are 'not' on the standard basis that National Records of Scotland (NRS) uses to produce statistics of individual drugs.

NHS Board area	All drug-related deaths	Heroin / morphine ²	Methadone	Heroin / morphine, methadone or buprenorphine	Codeine or a codeine-containing compound	Dihydro-codeine or a d.h.c.-containing compound	Any opiate or opioid	Benzodiazepines		Cocaine	Ecstasy-type	Amphetamines	Alcohol
								Any benzo-diazepine	of which: Diazepam				
Scotland	613	322	227	470	77	84	559	426	377	62	15	34	236
Ayrshire & Arran	43	26	25	37	2	8	42	34	30	4	0	4	11
Borders	11	8	3	10	2	2	11	10	9	2	1	1	5
Dumfries & Galloway	13	11	6	12	2	0	13	6	6	1	0	1	4
Fife	46	27	13	33	3	6	41	26	25	1	0	4	22
Forth Valley	25	15	5	19	6	6	24	18	16	2	1	0	11
Grampian	36	16	16	30	3	3	32	23	15	6	1	1	11
Greater Glasgow & Clyde	189	99	64	143	25	26	170	132	118	27	5	7	69
Highland	25	15	3	18	10	5	24	15	11	2	0	0	9
Lanarkshire	67	35	18	48	10	10	63	44	39	10	4	2	25
Lothian	105	45	53	82	11	13	96	87	83	5	2	11	56
Orkney	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Shetland	4	2	1	3	0	2	4	3	2	1	0	0	0
Tayside	48	23	20	35	3	3	39	28	23	1	0	3	12
Western Isles	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1

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 were not considered to have had any direct contribution to the death.

Basis (a) is now the standard basis for figures for individual drugs.

The figures in this table are for all drugs found present - i.e. cover both (a) and (b) - so are 'not' on the standard basis for figures for individual drugs.

2) Refer to paragraph 3.3.1 of commentary.