

Table HBX: Drug-related deaths by selected drugs reported¹ and NHS Board area, 2016

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;

(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 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	867	483	375	662	80	150	779	632	365	145	30	30	330
Ayrshire & Arran	85	54	51	73	6	17	78	70	32	14	0	3	25
Borders	10	6	2	7	0	2	9	8	7	1	1	1	4
Dumfries & Galloway	17	9	6	11	3	3	15	8	8	0	2	0	8
Fife	45	30	19	33	2	7	41	34	27	2	0	4	18
Forth Valley	50	29	15	37	5	13	47	34	20	7	1	2	29
Grampian	68	35	31	52	3	19	61	49	41	22	1	2	24
Greater Glasgow & Clyde	257	135	118	197	19	33	228	199	73	50	11	7	90
Highland	29	8	5	13	0	3	21	14	11	7	4	2	6
Lanarkshire	113	69	42	86	9	17	101	77	36	25	3	3	41
Lothian	128	66	55	97	22	26	116	92	82	15	6	6	73
Orkney	1	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Shetland	1	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	1
Tayside	62	40	31	54	11	9	59	45	26	1	1	0	10
Western Isles	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	0	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 - They cover both (a) and (b) - so are NOT on the standard basis for figures for individual drugs. While they are on the same basis as the 'individual drugs' figures that were published in 'Drug-related Deaths in Scotland in 2008', they are NOT on the same basis as the figures published in later editions (which include some revised figures for individual drugs for 2008).

There may be other differences between years and/or areas in the way in which the information was produced - see Section 2 of the commentary.

2) Refer to paragraph 3.3.1 of commentary.