

GENERAL REGISTER OFFICE FOR SCOTLAND
Drug-related deaths in Scotland, 2005

Table 6: Drug-related deaths; selected drugs involved¹, by NHS Board area, 2005

NHS Board area	Heroin/ morphine ²	Diazepam ³	Methadone	Cocaine	Ecstasy	Temazepam ³	Alcohol
Scotland	194	90	72	44	10	7	114
Ayrshire & Arran	11	4	5	-	-	-	2
Borders	3	1	-	1	-	-	1
Dumfries & Galloway	6	-	-	1	-	-	1
Fife	17	1	1	1	-	1	7
Forth Valley	6	2	3	1	-	-	3
Grampian	17	4	3	3	2	1	9
Greater Glasgow & Clyde ⁴	65	34	29	22	2	1	45
Highland ⁴	9	2	3	2	-	-	4
Lanarkshire	26	15	7	6	3	-	14
Lothian	15	22	19	4	1	4	17
Orkney	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Shetland	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tayside	17	4	2	2	2	-	11
Western Isles	1	1	-	1	-	-	-
Argyll & Clyde ⁵	18	9	6	6	1	-	14
Greater Glasgow & Clyde pt	15	8	6	5	1	-	11
Highland pt.	3	1	-	1	-	-	3
Greater Glasgow ⁵	50	26	23	17	1	1	34
Highland ⁵	6	1	3	1	-	-	1

1. Individual deaths often involved more than one of these drugs. The numbers given are mentions of the drug and should not be added to give total deaths.

2. See paragraph 8 of commentary.

3. Each year there are also a small number of mentions of unspecified benzodiazepines.

4. New NHS Board areas including parts of former Argyll & Clyde

5. Former NHS Board areas (before dissolution of Argyll & Clyde on 1 April 2006).