

Table 6.12: Deaths from poisoning, by sex and cause, Scotland, 2015

ICD code(s), cause of death and substance(s) ¹	Both	Males	Females
ALL DEATHS FROM POISONING ²	941	632	309
ACCIDENTS	662	471	191
X40 - X49 Accidental poisoning by and exposure to ...			
X40 - Nonopioid analgesics, antipyretics and antirheumatics			
Paracetamol	2	0	2
Paracetamol, Codeine Diazepam, Amitriptyline, Mirtazapine, Dihydrocodeine, Cannabis, Alcohol	1	0	1
Paracetamol, Dihydrocodeine, Tramadol	1	1	0
X41 - Antiepileptic, sedative-hypnotic, antiparkinsonism and psychotropic drugs, not elsewhere classified			
Amitriptyline Tramadol, Diazepam	1	0	1
Amitriptyline Venlafaxine, Dihydrocodeine	1	0	1
Amitriptyline, Alcohol	1	0	1
Amitriptyline, Alcohol Fluoxetine	1	0	1
Amitriptyline, Clomipramine, Gabapentin, Tramadol, Methadone	1	0	1
Amitriptyline, Gabapentin, Fluoxetine Paracetamol, Diazepam, Tramadol, Cannabis	1	0	1
Amitriptyline, Oxycodone Pregabalin	1	0	1
Amitriptyline, Zopiclone, Oxycodone, Venlafaxine, Pregabalin	1	0	1
Amphetamine Diazepam	1	0	1
Amphetamine Diazepam, Cannabis	1	0	1
Amphetamine Diazepam, Paracetamol, Alcohol	1	1	0
Amphetamine Dihydrocodeine, Alcohol	1	0	1
Amphetamine, Citalopram Diazepam, Cannabis, Alcohol	1	0	1
Citalopram, Alcohol	2	1	1
Citalopram, Cycizine Temazepam	1	1	0
Diazepam, Alcohol	2	2	0
Diazepam, Dihydrocodeine Pregabalin, Venlafaxine, Quetiapine	1	1	0
Diazepam, Dihydrocodeine, Alcohol	1	1	0
Diazepam, Methadone, Mirtazapine	1	0	1
Dothiepin	1	0	1
Ecstasy, Cocaine, Alcohol	1	1	0
Ethylphenidate, Diazepam, Buprenorphine, Pregabalin Cannabis	1	1	0
Etizolam, Diazepam, Alcohol	1	0	1
Etizolam, Diclazepam, Diazepam, Methadone Mirtazapine, Alcohol	1	1	0
Etizolam, Gabapentin, Cocaine, Alcohol Cannabis	1	1	0
Etizolam, Methadone, Gabapentin, Pregabalin, Mirtazapine	1	0	1
Flubromazepam, Flubromazepam, Delorazepam, Lorazepam, Alcohol	1	1	0
Fluoxetine Codeine, Amitriptyline	1	0	1
Fluoxetine, Alcohol	1	1	0
Fluoxetine, Alcohol	1	0	1
Gabapentin	1	0	1
Gabapentin, Dihydrocodeine Codeine, Diazepam	1	0	1
Gabapentin, Etizolam, Methadone, Alcohol Diphenhydramine	1	1	0
Gabapentin, Etizolam, Methadone, Cocaine Mirtazapine	1	0	1
Gabapentin, Methadone Etizolam, Risperidone, Cannabis, Alcohol	1	1	0
Gabapentin, Methadone Mirtazapine, Diazepam	1	1	0
Gabapentin, Methadone, Morphine, Diazepam Codeine, Cannabis	1	1	0
Gabapentin, Morphine, Methadone Diazepam, Alcohol	1	0	1
Gabapentin, Morphine, Methadone Mirtazapine, Cannabis	1	1	0
Gabapentin, Morphine, Tramadol Cycizine, Fluoxetine, Trazodone	1	0	1
Gamma hydroxybutyrate, Chloromethcathinone Sildenafil	1	1	0
Gamma hydroxybutyrate, Heroin Dihydrocodeine, Methadone, Diazepam, Quetiapine	1	1	0
MDMA	1	1	0
MDMA Alcohol	1	1	0
MDMA Cannabis	1	1	0
MDMA Paracetamol	1	1	0
MDMA, Cocaine Diclazepam, Diazepam	1	1	0
MDMA, Cocaine, Alcohol	1	1	0
MDMA, MDA	1	1	0
MDMA, Mephedrone Cannabis	1	1	0
MDPV	1	1	0
Methiopropamine	1	0	1
Mirtazapine, Diazepam, Oxazepam, Temazepam, Methadone Olanzapine, Zopiclone, Alcohol	1	0	1
Mirtazapine, Flubromazepam, Cocaine Chlordiazepoxide, Paracetamol, Alcohol	1	1	0
Mirtazapine, Quetiapine Diazepam, Fluoxetine, Methadone, Zopiclone, Lorazepam, Buprenorphine, Alcohol	1	1	0

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One such death was registered in 2015.

Table 6.12 (continued)

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Olanzapine	1	1	0
PMA, Cocaine, Amphetamine Diazepam, Lorazepam, Alcohol	1	1	0
PMMA, PMA, MDMA, Amphetamine, BZP	1	1	0
Pregabalin	1	1	0
Pregabalin, Methadone Diazepam, Tramadol, Cannabis	1	1	0
Pregabalin, Methadone, Diazepam	1	1	0
Pregabalin, Methadone, Etizolam Diazepam, Paracetamol	1	0	1
Promethazine, Codeine, Selegiline	1	1	0
Promethazine, Methadone Diazepam, Gabapentin, Mirtazapine, Atenolol, Alcohol	1	0	1
Quetiapine, Amphetamine Lignocaine	1	1	0
Quetiapine, Citalopram, Zopiclone, Diazepam, Alcohol	1	0	1
Quetiapine, Cocaine	1	1	0
Sedative, Methadone, Amitriptyline, Mirtazapine, Olanzapine, Gabapentin, Diazepam Paracetamol, Alcohol	1	0	1
Sedative, Methadone, Dihydrocodeine, Morphine, Diphenhydramine, Amitriptyline, Mirtazapine, Gabapentin, Pregabalin, Benzodiazepine Salbutamol, Alcohol	1	0	1
Sedative, Methadone, Morphine, Dihydrocodeine, Diazepam Mirtazapine	1	0	1
Sedative, Morphine, Heroin, Diazepam, Methadone Paracetamol, Alcohol	1	1	0
Zopiclone, Clozapine, Pregabalin, Lorazepam	1	1	0
X42 - Narcotics and psychodysleptics [hallucinogens], not elsewhere classified			
Buprenorphine Alcohol	1	1	0
Buprenorphine Mirtazapine, Alcohol	1	1	0
Buprenorphine, Alcohol	2	2	0
Buprenorphine, Alcohol Diazepam	1	1	0
Buprenorphine, Amitriptyline, Gabapentin, Alcohol	1	1	0
Buprenorphine, Cocaine Diazepam, Alcohol	1	1	0
Buprenorphine, Diazepam Olanzapine	1	1	0
Buprenorphine, Diazepam, Alcohol Gabapentin	1	1	0
Buprenorphine, Diazepam, Gabapentin, Alcohol	1	1	0
Buprenorphine, Diazepam, Mirtazapine Cannabis, Morphine, Codeine, Alcohol	1	1	0
Buprenorphine, Pregabalin Diazepam, Codeine, Quetiapine	1	0	1
Co-codamol	1	1	0
Co-codamol Mirtazapine, Sertraline, Venlafaxine, Alcohol	1	1	0
Co-codamol Nitrazepam, Diazepam, Alcohol	1	0	1
Co-codamol, Codeine, Paracetamol Diazepam, Gabapentin, Olanzapine, Sodium, Valproate, Temazepam	1	1	0
Co-codamol, Paracetamol	1	1	0
Cocaine	4	3	1
Cocaine Cannabis	1	1	0
Cocaine Cannabis, Alcohol	1	1	0
Cocaine Diazepam, Amitriptyline, Venlafaxine	1	1	0
Cocaine Diazepam, Methadone, Amitriptyline, Alcohol	1	0	1
Cocaine Lamotrigine, Diazepam, Cannabis	1	1	0
Cocaine Methadone, Diazepam, Gabapentin, Codeine, Alcohol	1	1	0
Cocaine Methadone, Gabapentin	1	0	1
Cocaine, Alcohol Amitriptyline, Chlorpromazine, Zopiclone, Codeine, Diphenhydramine	1	0	1
Cocaine, Amphetamine Lignocaine, Paracetamol	1	1	0
Cocaine, Etizolam, Mirtazapine, Alcohol	1	1	0
Cocaine, Gabapentin, Methadone Olanzapine, Diazepam	1	1	0
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Cocaine, MDMA, Dihydrocodeine, Gabapentin Diazepam, Amitriptyline, Alcohol	1	1	0
Cocaine, Methadone	1	1	0
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Cocaine, Methadone Diazepam	1	1	0
Cocaine, Methadone, Alcohol Etizolam, Cannabis	1	1	0
Cocaine, Methadone, Amitriptyline, Tramadol	1	1	0
Cocaine, Morphine Diazepam, Mirtazapine, Alcohol	1	1	0
Cocaine, Morphine, Diazepam Levamisole, Lignocaine, Midazolam	1	1	0
Cocaine, Morphine, Methadone	1	1	0
Cocaine, Morphine, Methadone, Gabapentin, Etizolam, Alcohol Dihydrocodeine, Cannabis	1	0	1
Cocaine, Quetiapine Fluoxetine, Alcohol	1	1	0
Codeine	1	1	0
Codeine Diazepam, Amitriptyline, Cannabis, Sertraline	1	1	0
Codeine Paracetamol, Naproxen, Propranolol, Sertraline	1	1	0
Codeine, Alcohol	1	0	1
Codeine, Alcohol Paracetamol	1	1	0
Codeine, Morphine, Gabapentin	1	1	0
Codeine, Paracetamol Morphine, Alcohol	1	1	0
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Dihydrocodeine	3	1	2
Dihydrocodeine Atenolol, Diazepam, Gabapentin, Mirtazapine, Paracetamol	1	1	0
Dihydrocodeine Benzodiazepine, Olanzapine, Amphetamine, Cannabis, Alcohol	1	1	0
Dihydrocodeine Carbamazepine, Sertraline, Diazepam, Zolpidem, Pregabalin	1	0	1
Dihydrocodeine Cocaine, Diazepam, Gabapentin	1	1	0
Dihydrocodeine Diazepam, Cannabis	3	3	0
Dihydrocodeine Diazepam, Methadone, Amitriptyline, Mirtazapine, Paracetamol, Alcohol	1	0	1
Dihydrocodeine Diazepam, Paracetamol, Pregabalin, Mirtazapine, Alcohol	1	0	1
Dihydrocodeine Diphenhydramine, Fluoxetine, Mirtazapine, Alcohol	1	0	1
Dihydrocodeine Gabapentin, Citalopram	1	0	1
Dihydrocodeine Gabapentin, Citalopram, Diazepam, Valproic acid	1	1	0
Dihydrocodeine Mirtazapine, Zopiclone, Zuclopenthixol, Cannabis, Diazepam	1	0	1
Dihydrocodeine, Amitriptyline, Citalopram Amlodipine, Metformin, Paracetamol	1	0	1
Dihydrocodeine, Benzodiazepine, Methadone, Mirtazapine, Tramadol	1	0	1
Dihydrocodeine, Cocaine Diazepam, Temazepam, Cannabis	1	1	0
Dihydrocodeine, Codeine, Buprenorphine Diazepam, Ibuprofen, Paracetamol	1	1	0
Dihydrocodeine, Diazepam Amlodipine, Venlafaxine, Amitriptyline	1	1	0
Dihydrocodeine, Diazepam, Oxazepam, Temazepam, Lorazepam Methadone, Mephedrone, EDDP, Cannabis	1	1	0
Dihydrocodeine, Gabapentin Diazepam	1	1	0
Dihydrocodeine, Gabapentin Diazepam, Amphetamine, Mirtazapine	1	0	1
Dihydrocodeine, Gabapentin Zopiclone, Promethazine, Chlorpromazine, Alcohol	1	0	1
Dihydrocodeine, Gabapentin, Chlorpheniramine, Diphenhydramine, Mirtazapine, Amitriptyline, Promethazine, Diazepam	1	0	1
Dihydrocodeine, Gabapentin, Diazepam, Tramadol Alcohol	1	1	0
Dihydrocodeine, Methadone Morphine, Diazepam	1	1	0
Dihydrocodeine, Methadone Pregabalin, Diazepam, Nitrazepam, Cannabis	1	0	1
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Dihydrocodeine, Quetiapine, Alcohol	1	1	0
Dihydrocodeine, Sertraline, Pregabalin Amitriptyline, Diazepam	1	1	0
Dihydrocodeine, Tramadol, Sertraline, Quetiapine Pregabalin, Diazepam, Zopiclone	1	0	1
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Fentanyl, Morphine Paracetamol, Pregabalin, Amitriptyline, Citalopram, Diazepam, Diltiazem	1	1	0
Heroin	2	2	0
Heroin Alcohol	1	1	0
Heroin Amitriptyline, Alcohol	1	1	0
Heroin Buprenorphine, Diazepam, Amphetamine, Alcohol	1	1	0
Heroin Buprenorphine, Diazepam, Paracetamol, Alcohol	1	1	0
Heroin Cannabis	1	1	0
Heroin Citalopram	1	0	1
Heroin Cocaine, Pregabalin, Cannabis	1	1	0
Heroin Codeine, Methadone, Diazepam, Cannabis	1	1	0
Heroin Diazepam	2	2	0
Heroin Diazepam, Alcohol	5	4	1
Heroin Diazepam, Buprenorphine, Cannabis	1	1	0
Heroin Diazepam, Buprenorphine, Quetiapine, Cannabis, Lamotrigine, Pregabalin, Amitriptyline, Sertraline	1	0	1
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Heroin Diazepam, Cannabis, Alcohol	1	1	0
Heroin Diazepam, Citalopram	1	1	0
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Heroin Diazepam, Paracetamol, Alcohol	2	2	0
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Heroin Gabapentin, Trazodone, Diazepam	1	1	0
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Heroin Paracetamol, Mirtazapine, Tramadol, Diazepam, Cannabis, Amitriptyline, Alcohol	1	1	0
Heroin Phenazepam, Amitriptyline, Paracetamol	1	1	0
Heroin Quetiapine	1	1	0
Heroin Sertraline	1	1	0
Heroin, Alcohol	1	0	1
Heroin, Alcohol	5	5	0
Heroin, Alcohol Citalopram, Sulpiride	1	1	0
Heroin, Alcohol Cocaine, Diazepam	1	0	1
Heroin, Alcohol Diazepam	3	3	0
Heroin, Alcohol Diazepam, Amitriptyline	1	1	0
Heroin, Alcohol Diazepam, Buprenorphine	1	1	0
Heroin, Alcohol Diazepam, Citalopram	1	1	0
Heroin, Alcohol Diazepam, Codeine	1	1	0
Heroin, Alcohol Diazepam, Cyclizine, Gabapentin, Paracetamol	1	1	0
Heroin, Alcohol Diazepam, Mirtazapine	2	2	0
Heroin, Alcohol Gabapentin, Mirtazapine, Diazepam, Methadone	1	1	0
Heroin, Alcohol Methadone, Etizolam	1	1	0
Heroin, Alcohol Methiopropamine, Codeine, Diazepam, Buprenorphine	1	1	0
Heroin, Alcohol Mirtazapine, Diazepam	1	1	0
Heroin, Alcohol Paracetamol	2	1	1
Heroin, Alcohol Venlafaxine, Cannabis	1	1	0
Heroin, Amphetamine, Alcohol Cannabis	1	1	0
Heroin, Benzodiazepine, Cocaine	1	1	0
Heroin, Buprenorphine Diazepam	1	1	0
Heroin, Buprenorphine Diazepam, Gabapentin, Pregabalin, Cannabis, Alcohol	1	1	0
Heroin, Buprenorphine Diazepam, Lorazepam, Alcohol	1	1	0
Heroin, Buprenorphine Diazepam, Mirtazapine, Gabapentin	1	1	0
Heroin, Buprenorphine Diazepam, Mirtazapine, Gabapentin, Cannabis	1	1	0
Heroin, Buprenorphine, Alcohol Diazepam, Gabapentin, Paracetamol, Cannabis	1	1	0
Heroin, Buprenorphine, Cocaine Diazepam, Cannabis, Gabapentin	1	1	0
Heroin, Buprenorphine, Etizolam, Methadone Nefopam, Gabapentin, Quetiapine, Amitriptyline, Mirtazapine	1	1	0
Heroin, Buprenorphine, Mirtazapine, Propranolol Cocaine, Pregabalin, Naproxen, Cannabis	1	0	1
Heroin, Cocaine	1	1	0
Heroin, Cocaine Diazepam	1	1	0
Heroin, Cocaine Diazepam, Alcohol	1	1	0
Heroin, Cocaine Diazepam, Cannabis	1	1	0
Heroin, Cocaine Diazepam, Dihydrocodeine, Alcohol	1	1	0
Heroin, Cocaine Diazepam, Mirtazapine, Alcohol	1	0	1
Heroin, Cocaine Diazepam, Mirtazapine, Gabapentin, Cannabis	1	1	0
Heroin, Cocaine Diazepam, Zopiclone, Promethazine	1	1	0
Heroin, Cocaine, Alcohol	1	1	0
Heroin, Cocaine, Alcohol Diazepam	2	2	0
Heroin, Cocaine, Alcohol Dihydrocodeine, Sertraline, Diclazepam	1	1	0
Heroin, Cocaine, Mitragnine Dihydrocodeine, Alcohol	1	1	0
Heroin, Diazepam, Alcohol	2	2	0
Heroin, Diazepam, Alcohol Gabapentin, Cannabis	1	1	0
Heroin, Diazepam, Alcohol Mirtazapine	1	0	1
Heroin, Diazepam, Buprenorphine, Cocaine	1	1	0
Heroin, Diazepam, Cocaine, Alcohol Amphetamine	1	1	0
Heroin, Diazepam, Dihydrocodeine Paracetamol	1	0	1
Heroin, Diazepam, Etizolam Cannabis	1	1	0
Heroin, Diazepam, Gabapentin	1	1	0
Heroin, Diazepam, Pregabalin Mirtazapine	1	0	1
Heroin, Diclazepam Gabapentin, Methadone, Diazepam, Cannabis	1	1	0
Heroin, Dihydrocodeine Diazepam, Mirtazapine	1	1	0
Heroin, Dihydrocodeine Methaqualone, Diazepam	1	1	0
Heroin, Dihydrocodeine, Gabapentin Cocaine, Diazepam, Quetiapine, Cannabis	1	0	1
Heroin, Dihydrocodeine, Pregabalin, Etizolam Diazepam, Olanzapine, Amitriptyline, Mirtazapine, Cyclizine, Paracetamol, Propranolol, Cannabis	1	0	1
Heroin, Dihydrocodeine, Pregabalin, Methadone Diazepam, Paracetamol, Procyclidine	1	1	0
Heroin, Etizolam	2	1	1
Heroin, Etizolam Alcohol	1	1	0
Heroin, Etizolam Methadone, Diazepam, Pregabalin, Mirtazapine, Cannabis	1	1	0
Heroin, Etizolam Mirtazapine, Paracetamol, Alcohol	1	1	0
Heroin, Etizolam, Alcohol	1	1	0
Heroin, Etizolam, Alcohol Cocaine, Diazepam, Mirtazapine	1	0	1
Heroin, Etizolam, Cocaine, Alcohol Diazepam	1	1	0
Heroin, Etizolam, Gabapentin Mirtazapine	1	1	0
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Heroin, Etizolam, Pregabalin	1	1	0
Heroin, Gabapentin Diazepam, Alcohol	1	1	0
Heroin, Gabapentin, Cocaine, Alcohol Diazepam, Cannabis	1	1	0
Heroin, Gabapentin, Diazepam, Methadone, Alcohol	1	1	0
Heroin, Gabapentin, Dihydrocodeine, Alcohol Diazepam, Paracetamol	1	1	0
Heroin, Gabapentin, Methadone Diazepam, Olanzapine	1	0	1
Heroin, Methadone Amitriptyline, Diazepam, Paracetamol	1	1	0
Heroin, Methadone Cannabis, Dihydrocodeine, Diazepam, Mirtazapine, Alcohol	1	1	0
Heroin, Methadone Clozapine, Dihydrocodeine, Diazepam, Buprenorphine	1	0	1
Heroin, Methadone Diazepam	2	0	2
Heroin, Methadone Diazepam, Cannabis	1	1	0
Heroin, Methadone Diazepam, Cannabis, Trazodone, Alcohol	1	1	0
Heroin, Methadone Diazepam, Etizolam, Alcohol	1	1	0
Heroin, Methadone Diazepam, Etizolam, Gabapentin, Mirtazapine, Dihydrocodeine, Alcohol	1	1	0
Heroin, Methadone Diazepam, Gabapentin	1	1	0
Heroin, Methadone Diazepam, Gabapentin, Mirtazapine, Alcohol	1	1	0
Heroin, Methadone Diazepam, Mirtazapine	1	1	0
Heroin, Methadone Diazepam, Mirtazapine, Gabapentin, Alcohol	2	0	2
Heroin, Methadone Diazepam, Paracetamol	1	1	0
Heroin, Methadone Diazepam, Pregabalin	1	1	0
Heroin, Methadone Etizolam, Alcohol	1	1	0
Heroin, Methadone Gabapentin, Pregabalin, Diazepam	1	1	0
Heroin, Methadone Gabapentin, Pregabalin, Quetiapine, Diazepam, Zopiclone	1	1	0
Heroin, Methadone Mirtazapine, Pregabalin, Cocaine, Diazepam, Diclazepam, Cannabis	1	0	1
Heroin, Methadone Paracetamol, Diazepam, Cannabis	1	1	0
Heroin, Methadone, Alcohol	1	1	0
Heroin, Methadone, Alcohol Diazepam	1	1	0
Heroin, Methadone, Alcohol Mirtazapine, Zopiclone, Quetiapine, Pregabalin, Cannabis	1	1	0
Heroin, Methadone, Amitriptyline Diazepam	1	0	1
Heroin, Methadone, Amitriptyline, Diclazepam, Tramadol, Gabapentin Diazepam	1	0	1
Heroin, Methadone, Buprenorphine Diazepam	1	1	0
Heroin, Methadone, Butane, Isobutane, Propane	1	1	0
Heroin, Methadone, Cocaine Diazepam, Cannabis	1	1	0
Heroin, Methadone, Cocaine Diazepam, Dihydrocodeine, Tramadol, Trazodone, Amitriptyline	1	1	0
Heroin, Methadone, Cocaine Diazepam, Olanzapine, Tramadol, Cannabis, Alcohol	1	1	0
Heroin, Methadone, Cocaine Tramadol, Diazepam	1	1	0
Heroin, Methadone, Diazepam	1	1	0
Heroin, Methadone, Diazepam Cannabis, Dihydrocodeine	1	1	0
Heroin, Methadone, Diazepam Paracetamol	1	1	0
Heroin, Methadone, Diazepam Pregabalin, Zopiclone, Mirtazapine	1	0	1
Heroin, Methadone, Diazepam, Lorazepam Chlorpheniramine, Midazolam	1	1	0
Heroin, Methadone, Diclazepam Mirtazapine, Desmethylmipramine	1	0	1
Heroin, Methadone, Diclazepam Sertraline	1	1	0
Heroin, Methadone, Dihydrocodeine, Gabapentin Citalopram, Mirtazapine	1	1	0
Heroin, Methadone, Ethylphenidate Lamotrigine, Carbamazepine	1	1	0
Heroin, Methadone, Etizolam	1	1	0
Heroin, Methadone, Etizolam Diazepam, Mirtazapine, Alcohol	1	0	1
Heroin, Methadone, Gabapentin Carbamazepine	1	1	0
Heroin, Methadone, Gabapentin Citalopram, Mirtazapine, Quetiapine, Diazepam	1	0	1
Heroin, Methadone, Gabapentin Diazepam, Amphetamine, Quetiapine, Mirtazapine, Venlafaxine	1	1	0
Heroin, Methadone, Gabapentin Mirtazapine, Alcohol	1	0	1
Heroin, Methadone, Gabapentin, Cocaine Diazepam, Fluoxetine, Cannabis	1	1	0
Heroin, Methadone, Gabapentin, Diazepam Nitrazepam, Chlorpromazine, Cannabis	1	0	1
Heroin, Methadone, Gabapentin, Diazepam, Ethylphenidate Midazolam, Morphine, Zopiclone	1	0	1
Heroin, Methadone, Gabapentin, Mephedrone, Amphetamine, Diazepam, Amitriptyline Alcohol	1	1	0
Heroin, Methadone, Phenazepam Diazepam, Paracetamol	1	1	0
Heroin, Methadone, Pregabalin Amitriptyline, Diazepam, Paracetamol, Zopiclone	1	1	0
Heroin, Methadone, Pregabalin, Cocaine Mirtazapine, Amphetamine, Alcohol	1	1	0
Heroin, Methadone, Pregabalin, Etizolam, Phenazepam Dothiepin, Quetiapine, Cannabis	1	0	1
Heroin, Methadone, Tramadol Buprenorphine, Diazepam, Fluoxetine, Mirtazapine, Cannabis	1	1	0
Heroin, Methiopropramine, Mexedrone, Gabapentin, Diazepam	1	1	0
Heroin, Mirtazapine, Diazepam, Alcohol	1	1	0
Heroin, Morphine, Codeine, 6-MAM Diazepam, Carbamazepine, Gabapentin, Zopiclone, Paracetamol, Cannabis, Alcohol	1	1	0
Heroin, Morphine, Gabapentin, Alcohol Diazepam, Amitriptyline, Paracetamol	1	1	0
Heroin, Pregabalin Diazepam	1	1	0
Heroin, Pregabalin, Diazepam, Chlorpheniramine, Fluoxetine, Dihydrocodeine, Diclazepam Alcohol	1	0	1
Heroin, Pregabalin, Dihydrocodeine Diazepam, Amitriptyline	1	1	0
Methadone	1	1	0
Methadone Alcohol	1	1	0
Methadone Amitriptyline, Diazepam, Mirtazapine, Gabapentin, Alcohol	1	1	0

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Methadone Atenolol, Paracetamol, Pregabalin, Diazepam, Codeine	1	0	1
Methadone Citalopram, Gabapentin, Diazepam, Cannabis	1	0	1
Methadone Diazepam	1	1	0
Methadone Diazepam, Alcohol	1	0	1
Methadone Diazepam, Cannabis, Alcohol	1	1	0
Methadone Diazepam, Codeine, Cannabis, Alcohol	1	1	0
Methadone Diazepam, Dothiepin	1	1	0
Methadone Diazepam, Gabapentin	1	1	0
Methadone Diazepam, Gabapentin, Alcohol	1	0	1
Methadone Diazepam, Gabapentin, Mirtazapine, Quetiapine, Cannabis	1	1	0
Methadone Diazepam, Heroin, Cannabis, Dihydrocodeine	1	1	0
Methadone Diazepam, Mirtazapine, Olanzapine, Cannabis, Alcohol	1	1	0
Methadone Diazepam, Olanzapine, Citalopram, Cannabis	1	0	1
Methadone Diazepam, Olanzapine, Mirtazapine, Alcohol	1	1	0
Methadone Diazepam, Oxazepam, Quetiapine, Mirtazapine	1	1	0
Methadone Diazepam, Valproate, Olanzapine, Mirtazapine	1	1	0
Methadone Dihydrocodeine, Mirtazapine, Chlordiazepoxide, Diazepam	1	1	0
Methadone Etizolam, Diazepam	1	1	0
Methadone Etizolam, Venlafaxine, Procyclidine, Zuclopenthixol	1	1	0
Methadone Gabapentin, Dihydrocodeine, Diazepam	1	0	1
Methadone Mirtazapine, Gabapentin, Benzodiazepine, Naloxone	1	1	0
Methadone Morphine, Diazepam, Gabapentin, Cannabis, Dihydrocodeine, Alcohol	1	1	0
Methadone Olanzapine, Paracetamol, Diazepam	1	0	1
Methadone, Alcohol	2	2	0
Methadone, Alcohol Diazepam, Amitriptyline	1	0	1
Methadone, Alcohol Diazepam, Tramadol, Trazodone	1	0	1
Methadone, Alcohol Methylthcathinone, Diazepam, Fluoxetine	1	1	0
Methadone, Amitriptyline, Diazepam, Mirtazapine, Tramadol Cannabis	1	0	1
Methadone, Amitriptyline, Gabapentin	1	0	1
Methadone, Amitriptyline, Gabapentin Diazepam	2	2	0
Methadone, Amitriptyline, Phenazepam	1	1	0
Methadone, Amphetamine, Cocaine Diazepam, Gabapentin, Amitriptyline, Dihydrocodeine	1	1	0
Methadone, Benzodiazepine Sertraline, Naproxen, Propranolol, Zopiclone, Trimethoprim	1	0	1
Methadone, Cocaine Diazepam	1	1	0
Methadone, Cocaine Diazepam, Sertraline, Lignocaine	1	1	0
Methadone, Cocaine Mirtazapine, Diazepam, Cannabis	1	1	0
Methadone, Cocaine Paracetamol, Diazepam, Trazodone	1	0	1
Methadone, Codeine Mirtazapine, Tramadol, Diazepam, Paracetamol	1	1	0
Methadone, Diazepam	2	2	0
Methadone, Diazepam Mirtazapine, Cyclizine	1	0	1
Methadone, Diazepam, Amitriptyline Pregabalin, Mirtazapine, Alcohol	1	0	1
Methadone, Diazepam, Codeine, Mirtazapine, Gabapentin Cannabis	1	0	1
Methadone, Diazepam, Morphine, Cocaine, Butane Alcohol	1	1	0
Methadone, Diazepam, Pregabalin	1	0	1
Methadone, Diazepam, Temazepam, Oxazepam, Cannabis Quetiapine	1	0	1
Methadone, Dihydrocodeine Gabapentin, Diazepam, Sertraline, Alcohol	1	0	1
Methadone, Dihydrocodeine Mirtazapine, Pregabalin, Hydrocodone, Diazepam, Alcohol	1	0	1
Methadone, Dihydrocodeine, Alcohol Cannabis	1	1	0
Methadone, Dihydrocodeine, Diazepam Sertraline, Mirtazapine, Quetiapine, Citalopram, Alcohol	1	0	1
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Methadone, Etizolam Carbamazepine	1	1	0
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Methadone, Etizolam Diazepam, Mirtazapine, Chlorpromazine, Propranolol, Alcohol	1	0	1
Methadone, Etizolam Gabapentin, Cannabis	1	1	0
Methadone, Etizolam Gabapentin, Mirtazapine, Diazepam	1	0	1
Methadone, Gabapentin Diazepam	1	0	1
Methadone, Gabapentin Diazepam, Codeine, Morphine, Methiopropamine, Alcohol	1	1	0
Methadone, Gabapentin Diazepam, Venlafaxine, Quetiapine, Codeine, Amitriptyline	1	0	1
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Methadone, Gabapentin, Diazepam	2	1	1
Methadone, Gabapentin, Diclazepam Venlafaxine, Zopiclone, Cannabis	1	1	0
Methadone, Gabapentin, Etizolam	1	0	1
Methadone, Gabapentin, Etizolam Clomipramine, Diazepam, Quetiapine	1	0	1
Methadone, Gabapentin, Etizolam, Cocaine Mirtazapine, Diazepam, Cannabis	1	1	0
Methadone, Gabapentin, Etizolam, Diclazepam Paroxetine	1	0	1
Methadone, Gabapentin, Etizolam, Morphine, Diazepam	1	0	1
Methadone, Gabapentin, Levomepromazine, Mirtazapine, Diazepam	1	1	0
Methadone, Gabapentin, Tramadol, Olanzapine, Diazepam Alcohol	1	1	0
Methadone, Heroin Cocaine, Diazepam, Mirtazapine, Quetiapine, Gabapentin	1	0	1
Methadone, Heroin Diazepam, Quinine, Mirtazapine, Phenazepam	1	1	0
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Methadone, Heroin, Diazepam Codeine	1	0	1
Methadone, Heroin, Diazepam, Mirtazapine, Tramadol Alcohol	1	1	0
Methadone, Heroin, Sertraline, Pregabalin, Cocaine Diazepam, Olanzapine, Zopiclone	1	0	1
Methadone, Mirtazapine Diazepam, Pregabalin	1	1	0
Methadone, Mirtazapine, Pregabalin, Diazepam Alcohol	1	0	1
Methadone, Morphine Alcohol	1	1	0
Methadone, Morphine Diazepam, Cannabis	1	1	0
Methadone, Morphine Gabapentin, Diazepam, Paracetamol, Cannabis	1	1	0
Methadone, Morphine Tramadol, Diazepam, Alcohol	1	1	0
Methadone, Morphine, Diazepam Amitriptyline, Quetiapine, Ibuprofen, Zopiclone	1	0	1
Methadone, Morphine, Heroin	1	1	0
Methadone, Morphine, Mirtazapine Diazepam, Olanzapine	1	1	0
Methadone, Morphine, Tramadol, Dihydrocodeine, Gabapentin, Diazepam	1	1	0
Methadone, Olanzapine Diazepam, Gabapentin, Cannabis	1	1	0
Methadone, Paracetamol, Codeine, Citalopram, Ethylphenidate, Chlorpromazine Diazepam, Alcohol	1	0	1
Methadone, Paroxetine, Alcohol Atenolol	1	1	0
Methadone, Pregabalin, Diazepam, Cocaine	1	1	0
Methadone, Pregabalin, Etizolam Mirtazapine	1	0	1
Methadone, Tramadol Pregabalin, Etizolam	1	0	1
Morphine	2	1	1
Morphine	1	1	0
Morphine Alcohol	2	2	0
Morphine Amitriptyline, Diazepam	1	1	0
Morphine Cannabis	1	1	0
Morphine Codeine	1	0	1
Morphine Diazepam, Alcohol	2	2	0
Morphine Diazepam, Citalopram, Cannabis	1	1	0
Morphine Diazepam, Codeine, Alcohol	1	1	0
Morphine Diazepam, Dihydrocodeine, Alcohol	1	1	0
Morphine Diazepam, Mirtazapine, Lamotrigine	1	1	0
Morphine Diazepam, Oxycodone, Zopiclone, Citalopram, Mirtazapine, Alcohol	1	0	1
Morphine Diazepam, Tramadol	1	1	0
Morphine Dihydrocodeine, Amitriptyline, Nortriptyline, Diazepam, Gabapentin, Paracetamol	1	0	1
Morphine Gabapentin, Sertraline, Tramadol, Paracetamol	1	0	1
Morphine Paracetamol, Amitriptyline, Diazepam, Citalopram	1	0	1
Morphine Paracetamol, Diazepam, Gabapentin, Amitriptyline, Venlafaxine	1	1	0
Morphine Pregabalin, Lignocaine	1	1	0
Morphine Zopiclone, Dihydrocodeine, Paracetamol, Mirtazapine, Diazepam, Alcohol	1	0	1
Morphine, Alcohol	4	4	0
Morphine, Alcohol Diazepam	1	1	0
Morphine, Alcohol Pyrazolam	1	1	0
Morphine, Amitriptyline, Paracetamol, Alcohol Tramadol, Diazepam, Temazepam	1	0	1
Morphine, Co-codamol Amitriptyline, Diazepam	1	1	0
Morphine, Cocaine, Gabapentin Diazepam, Alcohol	1	1	0
Morphine, Codeine, Phenazepam Paracetamol	1	1	0
Morphine, Diamorphine Diazepam	1	0	1
Morphine, Diamorphine, Diazepam, Cocaine Paracetamol	1	1	0
Morphine, Diamorphine, Gabapentin Amitriptyline	1	1	0
Morphine, Diazepam Fluoxetine	1	0	1
Morphine, Diazepam, Alcohol Nortriptyline, Paracetamol	1	0	1
Morphine, Diazepam, Methadone Cannabis, Alcohol	1	1	0
Morphine, Dihydrocodeine, Gabapentin Diazepam, Mirtazapine, Alcohol	1	0	1
Morphine, Dihydrocodeine, Gabapentin, Fluoxetine, Amitriptyline Diazepam, Lamotrigine, Valproic acid	1	0	1
Morphine, Dihydrocodeine, Gabapentin, Mirtazapine Diazepam, Paracetamol, Cannabis, Diclazepam	1	0	1
Morphine, Dihydrocodeine, Olanzapine Diazepam	1	1	0
Morphine, Gabapentin, Diazepam, Amitriptyline, Mirtazapine Alcohol	1	1	0
Morphine, Heroin	1	1	0
Morphine, Heroin Cocaine, Amitriptyline, Diazepam, Methadone, Paracetamol	1	1	0
Morphine, Heroin Diazepam, Mirtazapine	1	1	0
Morphine, Heroin, Benzodiazepine, Methadone, Alcohol Paracetamol	1	1	0
Morphine, Heroin, Cocaine Levamisole, Codeine, Paracetamol, Salbutamol, Alcohol	1	1	0
Morphine, Heroin, Cocaine Sildenafil, Alcohol	1	1	0
Morphine, Heroin, Cocaine, Dihydrocodeine, Methadone, Diazepam Gabapentin, Alcohol	1	1	0
Morphine, Heroin, Diazepam	1	1	0
Morphine, Heroin, Diazepam Amitriptyline, Dihydrocodeine, Gabapentin	1	0	1
Morphine, Heroin, Diazepam Diclazepam, Mirtazapine, Pregabalin, Quetiapine, MPA, Ethylphenidate	1	0	1
Morphine, Heroin, Diazepam Pregabalin	1	1	0
Morphine, Heroin, Diazepam, Alcohol	1	1	0
Morphine, Heroin, Diazepam, Alcohol Cannabis, Dihydrocodeine	1	1	0
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Morphine, Heroin, Diazepam, Methadone, Cocaine Amisulpride, Promethazine, Paracetamol	1	1	0
Morphine, Heroin, Dihydrocodeine, Diazepam Amitriptyline, Sertraline, Paracetamol, Alcohol	1	1	0
Morphine, Heroin, Dihydrocodeine, Diazepam Tramadol, Olanzapine, Zopiclone	1	1	0
Morphine, Heroin, Dihydrocodeine, Pregabalin, Tramadol Paracetamol	1	1	0
Morphine, Heroin, Ecstasy, Cocaine Paracetamol	1	1	0
Morphine, Heroin, Gabapentin Diazepam, Alcohol	1	1	0
Morphine, Heroin, Methadone, Benzodiazepine, Mirtazapine, Quetiapine, Trazodone Benzoyllecognine, Levamisole, Naloxone	1	1	0
Morphine, Heroin, Methadone, Diazepam Cannabis, Diclazepam, Pyrazolam	1	0	1
Morphine, Heroin, Methadone, Diazepam Mirtazapine, Cannabis, Etizolam	1	1	0
Morphine, Heroin, Methadone, Diazepam Mirtazapine, Gabapentin, Amitriptyline	1	1	0
Morphine, Heroin, Methadone, Diazepam, Gabapentin, Cocaine Paracetamol	1	1	0
Morphine, Heroin, Methadone, Gabapentin, Pregabalin Diazepam, Cannabis	1	1	0
Morphine, Heroin, Methadone, Gabapentin, Pregabalin, Benzodiazepine, Amitriptyline, Cocaine	1	1	0
Morphine, Methadone Diazepam, Gabapentin, Cannabis, Alcohol	1	1	0
Morphine, Methadone Diazepam, Gabapentin, Cocaine, Cannabis, Quetiapine	1	1	0
Morphine, Methadone Diazepam, Mirtazapine, Quetiapine	1	0	1
Morphine, Methadone Diazepam, Mirtazapine, Tramadol, Cannabis	1	1	0
Morphine, Methadone Pregabalin, Diazepam	2	1	1
Morphine, Methadone, Benzodiazepine, Zopiclone, Gabapentin, Pregabalin Mirtazapine	1	0	1
Morphine, Methadone, Codeine, Diazepam, Etizolam Mirtazapine, Cannabis, Delorazepam, Lorazepam, Diclazepam	1	0	1
Morphine, Methadone, Etizolam Amitriptyline, Diazepam, Gabapentin	1	1	0
Morphine, Methadone, Gabapentin Mirtazapine, Etizolam, Trazodone, Cannabis	1	0	1
Morphine, Methadone, Gabapentin, Pregabalin, Diazepam, Mirtazapine Sabutamol	1	1	0
Morphine, Methadone, Levomepromazine, Trazodone, Diazepam, Cocaine Alcohol	1	1	0
Morphine, Methadone, Pregabalin, Etizolam, Cocaine Diazepam, Cannabis	1	1	0
Morphine, Methadone, Pregabalin, Venlafaxine Diazepam, Delorazepam, Lorazepam, Valproic acid, Alcohol	1	1	0
Morphine, Tramadol, Codeine Paracetamol, Amitriptyline, Alcohol	1	1	0
Morphine, Tramadol, Dihydrocodeine	1	0	1
Morphine, Tramadol, Gabapentin Paracetamol, Pregabalin, Quinine, Diazepam, Mirtazapine, Cannabis	1	0	1
Opiate	1	1	0
Opiate, Benzodiazepine, Alcohol	1	1	0
Oxycodone, Alcohol Cocaine	1	1	0
Oxycodone, Codeine, Benzodiazepine, Sertraline, Zopiclone	1	1	0
Oxycodone, Dihydrocodeine Paracetamol, Diazepam, Citalopram, Etizolam, Lorazepam, Delorazepam, Promethazine	1	0	1
Oxycodone, Gabapentin	1	0	1
Oxycodone, Methadone Pregabalin, Diazepam, Dihydrocodeine	1	0	1
Oxycodone, Mirtazapine, Alcohol Fluoxetine	1	0	1
Tramadol	3	3	0
Tramadol Diazepam, Trazodone	1	1	0
Tramadol Propranolol, Diazepam, Alcohol	1	0	1
Tramadol Zopiclone, Venlafaxine, Diazepam	1	1	0
Tramadol, Amitriptyline, Fluoxetine, Alcohol Lamotrigine	1	0	1
Tramadol, Diazepam, Temazepam, Codeine, Diphenhydramine, Cyclizine Paracetamol, Ibuprofen	1	0	1
Tramadol, Gabapentin Morphine, Codeine, Diazepam, Alcohol	1	0	1
Tramadol, Gabapentin, Alcohol	1	1	0
Tramadol, Gabapentin, Zopiclone Diazepam, Diclazepam	1	0	1
Tramadol, Methadone, Morphine, Dihydrocodeine Mirtazapine, Fluoxetine	1	1	0
Tramadol, Pregabalin, Diazepam Olanzapine, Trazodone, Cannabis	1	0	1
Tramadol, Promethazine, Alcohol	1	0	1
X43 - Other drugs acting on the autonomic nervous system			
Propranolol, Mirtazapine Diazepam	1	1	0
X44 - Other and unspecified drugs, medicaments and biological substances			
Amlodipine, Paracetamol, Propranolol	1	0	1
Flecainide, Codeine, Paracetamol	1	1	0
Metformin, Amlodipine, Atenolol	1	0	1
Unspecified drug	3	2	1
Unspecified drug	1	1	0
X45 - Alcohol			
Alcohol	49	34	15
Alcohol	1	0	1
Cocaine, Ethanol	1	1	0
X46 - Organic solvents and halogenated hydrocarbons and their vapours			
Hydrocarbon	1	0	1

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X47 - Other gases and vapours			
Buprenorphine, Diazepam Cannabis, Alcohol ³	1	1	0
Butane, Isobutane, Propane, Cocaine Diazepam, Methadone	1	1	0
Butane, Methadone Amitriptyline, Diazepam, Alcohol	1	1	0
Carbon monoxide	3	2	1
Carbon monoxide, Alcohol	1	1	0
X49 - Other and unspecified chemicals and noxious substances			
Asbestos	23	23	0
Chlorine tablets	1	1	0
INTENTIONAL SELF-HARM			
X60 - X69 Intentional self-poisoning by and exposure to ...	123	70	53
X60 - Nonopioid analgesics, antipyretics and antirheumatics			
Nefopam, Methadone	1	0	1
Paracetamol	7	2	5
Paracetamol, Codeine, Citalopram, Amitriptyline Lignocaine, Tramadol	1	0	1
Paracetamol, Codeine, Zopiclone	1	0	1
X61 - Antiepileptic, sedative-hypnotic, antiparkinsonism and psychotropic drugs, not elsewhere classified			
Amitriptyline	2	1	1
Amitriptyline Methadone, Diazepam, Lignocaine, Cannabis	1	0	1
Amitriptyline, Alcohol	1	0	1
Amitriptyline, Mirtazapine, Methadone, Diazepam, Morphine	1	1	0
Amphetamine	1	1	0
Benzodiazepine, Alcohol Fluoxetine, Gabapentin, Prochlorperazine, Dihydrocodeine	1	0	1
Citalopram	2	1	1
Citalopram Zolpidem, Alcohol	1	0	1
Citalopram, Zopiclone, Propranolol, Tramadol	1	1	0
Clomipramine	1	1	0
Clozapine	1	0	1
Diazepam, Diphenhydramine, Amitriptyline, Dihydrocodeine, Tramadol, Metoclopramide, Alcohol Lorazepam	1	1	0
Gabapentin Olanzapine, Ibuprofen	1	0	1
Gamma hydroxybutyrate, Methadone	1	1	0
Methadone, Morphine, Propranolol, Lamotrigine, Mirtazapine Diazepam, Dihydrocodeine	1	1	0
Methiopropamine, Quetiapine, Diazepam, Lorazepam	1	0	1
Mirtazapine	1	0	1
Mirtazapine, Alcohol	1	1	0
Mirtazapine, Oxycodone Codeine, Gabapentin, Amitriptyline, Tramadol, Paracetamol, Zopiclone, Propranolol, Sertraline	1	0	1
Mirtazapine, Paracetamol	1	0	1
Olanzapine, Sertraline, Zopiclone	1	0	1
Pregabalin, Dihydrocodeine	1	1	0
Promethazine, Alcohol	1	0	1
Quetiapine, Diazepam, Gabapentin	1	1	0
Quetiapine, Sertraline	1	1	0
Sedative, Dihydrocodeine, Diazepam, Citalopram, Alcohol Paracetamol	1	0	1
Sertraline	1	0	1
Sertraline, Insulin	1	0	1
Temazepam, Codeine	1	0	1
Trazodone, Fentanyl	1	0	1
Venlafaxine, Alcohol	1	0	1
Venlafaxine, Propranolol	1	0	1
Venlafaxine, Sertraline	1	0	1
Venlafaxine, Verapamil, Olanzapine Codeine, Cannabis, Alcohol	1	1	0
Zopiclone Lignocaine	1	1	0
Zopiclone, Mirtazapine Lamotrigine, Gabapentin, Diazepam	1	1	0
X62 - Narcotics and psychodysleptics [hallucinogens], not elsewhere classified			
Co-codamol	1	0	1
Cocaine Levamisole	1	1	0
Cocaine, Sertraline, Lamotrigine, Quetiapine, Paracetamol Alcohol	1	0	1
Codeine, Paracetamol	1	0	1
Codeine, Paracetamol, Clevidipine	1	1	0
Dextropropoxyphene, Paracetamol Codeine, Gabapentin, Zopiclone, Alcohol	1	0	1
Dihydrocodeine	1	1	0
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Dihydrocodeine Amitriptyline, Paracetamol	1	1	0
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Dihydrocodeine, Alcohol Zopiclone, Diazepam	1	1	0
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Dihydrocodeine, Hydrocodone, Diclazepam, Citalopram Alcohol	1	1	0
Dihydrocodeine, Tramadol, Sertraline, Theophylline Gabapentin, Hydrocodone	1	0	1
Dihydrocodeine, Venlafaxine, Amitriptyline Oxycodone, Diazepam, Pregabalin	1	0	1
Methadone Diazepam	1	1	0
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Morphine Diazepam	1	1	0
Morphine, Diazepam Paracetamol, Alcohol	1	1	0
Morphine, Gabapentin, Amitriptyline Paracetamol	1	0	1
Morphine, Tramadol	1	1	0
Morphine, Trazodone, Zopiclone	1	1	0
Morphine, Zopiclone Cyclizine, Citalopram, Alcohol	1	1	0
Oxycodone	1	1	0
Tramadol	2	2	0
Tramadol Alcohol	1	1	0
Tramadol, Citalopram, Alcohol Quinine, Codeine	1	0	1
Tramadol, Codeine, Alcohol	1	0	1
Tramadol, Morphine, Amitriptyline, Venlafaxine	1	0	1
Tramadol, Zopiclone Diazepam, Olanzapine	1	1	0
X63 - Other drugs acting on the autonomic nervous system			
Propranolol	1	0	1
Propranolol, Citalopram	1	1	0
Propranolol, Mirtazapine	1	1	0
X64 - Other and unspecified drugs, medicaments and biological substances			
Amlodipine	1	1	0
Diltiazem	1	1	0
Diphenhydramine	1	1	0
Diphenhydramine Oxycodone, Citalopram, Cyclizine, Paracetamol	1	1	0
Helium	4	3	1
Helium Dihydrocodeine, Kratom, Diazepam, Alcohol	1	0	1
Insulin	3	3	0
Isoflurane, Ketamine, Benzodiazepine	1	0	1
Ramipril, Alcohol	1	1	0
Unspecified drug	2	0	2
Verapamil	1	1	0
X65 - Alcohol			
Alcohol	1	0	1
X66 - Organic solvents and halogenated hydrocarbons and their vapours			
Ethylene glycol	1	0	1
X67 - Other gases and vapours			
Carbon monoxide	12	9	3
Carbon monoxide, Diphenhydramine	1	1	0
Gas	2	2	0
Hydrogen sulphide, Dihydrocodeine	1	1	0
Nitrogen	1	1	0
Nitrogen gas	1	1	0
Propane	1	1	0
X69 - Other and unspecified chemicals and noxious substances			
DNP	1	1	0
Mercury	1	1	0
EVENTS OF UNDETERMINED INTENT			
Y10 - Y19 Poisoning by and exposure to ...	65	29	36
Y10 - Nonopioid analgesics, antipyretics and antirheumatics			
Paracetamol, Dihydrocodeine, Atenolol, Diazepam, Amitriptyline, Lignocaine	1	1	0
Y11 - Antiepileptic, sedative-hypnotic, antiparkinsonism and psychotropic drugs, not elsewhere classified			
Amitriptyline, Alcohol	1	1	0
Amphetamine Codeine, Norfluoxetine, Etizolam, Cannabis	1	1	0
Benzodiazepine	1	1	0
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Citalopram, Alcohol	1	0	1
MDMA Alcohol	1	1	0
MDMA, PVP	1	1	0
Sedative, Methadone, Diazepam, Temazepam, Zopiclone	1	1	0
Sedative, Methadone, Gabapentin, Alprazolam, Diazepam Paracetamol, Mirtazapine, Cannabis	1	0	1
Sertraline, Alcohol	1	0	1
Venlafaxine, Quetiapine Paracetamol, Codeine, Nitrazepam, Diazepam	1	0	1
Y12 - Narcotics and psychodysleptics [hallucinogens], not elsewhere classified			
Butane, Isobutane, Propane, Methadone Diazepam, Mirtazapine, Alcohol	1	1	0
Co-codamol	1	0	1
Co-codamol, Venlafaxine Pregabalin, Diazepam, Zopiclone, Risperidone, Mirtazapine, Alcohol	1	0	1
Cocaine, Benzodiazepine	1	1	0
Cocaine, MDMA Diazepam, Alcohol	1	1	0
Codeine, Paracetamol	1	0	1
Codeine, Valproic acid	1	0	1
Dihydrocodeine Diazepam	1	0	1
Dihydrocodeine Diazepam, Mirtazapine	1	0	1
Dihydrocodeine Fluoxetine, Codeine, Chlordiazepoxide, Hydrocodone, Alcohol	1	1	0
Dihydrocodeine, Amisulpride, Gabapentin Diazepam, Amitriptyline	1	0	1
Dihydrocodeine, Amitriptyline Alcohol	1	1	0
Dihydrocodeine, Amitriptyline Morphine, Diazepam, Pregabalin, Paracetamol	1	0	1
Fentanyl Mirtazapine, Olanzapine, Cannabis	1	1	0
Heroin Codeine, Cannabis, Mirtazapine, Diazepam	1	1	0
Heroin, Alcohol	1	1	0
Heroin, Alcohol Tramadol, Diazepam	1	0	1
Heroin, Methadone, Phenazepam Diazepam, Cannabis, Codeine, Alcohol	1	1	0
Methadone Diazepam, Gabapentin, Amitriptyline, Mirtazapine, Diclazepam, Cannabis, Alcohol	1	0	1
Methadone, Dihydrocodeine, Amitriptyline, Pregabalin, Gabapentin, Cocaine Levamisole	1	1	0
Methadone, Fluoxetine, Alcohol Diazepam	1	1	0
Methadone, Gabapentin, Amitriptyline Amphetamine, Diazepam, Cannabis	1	0	1
Methadone, Mirtazapine, Benzodiazepine Alcohol	1	1	0
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Methadone, Mirtazapine, Gabapentin, Olanzapine, Benzodiazepine, Zopiclone Alcohol	1	0	1
Methadone, Morphine Gabapentin, Diazepam, Sertraline, Mirtazapine, Cannabis, Alcohol	1	0	1
Methadone, Phenazepam, Amphetamine Diazepam, Chlorpromazine, Mirtazapine	1	0	1
Morphine Diazepam, Venlafaxine, Alcohol	1	0	1
Morphine Paroxetine, Zopiclone, Mirtazapine, Quetiapine, Lorazepam, Cannabis, Alcohol	1	0	1
Morphine, Alcohol	1	1	0
Morphine, Codeine, Tramadol Pregabalin, Quetiapine	1	1	0
Morphine, Diazepam, Tramadol, Amitriptyline Alcohol	1	0	1
Morphine, Gabapentin, Fluoxetine	1	0	1
Opiate, Benzodiazepine, Cocaine	1	0	1
Oxycodone	1	0	1
Oxycodone Pregabalin, Nortriptyline, Duloxetine	1	1	0
Tramadol Amitriptyline, Olanzapine, Mirtazapine, Gabapentin, Diclazepam, Lorazepam, Alcohol	1	1	0
Tramadol Benzodiazepine, Quetiapine, Zolpidem, Sertraline, Codeine, Paracetamol	1	0	1
Tramadol Diazepam, Gabapentin	1	1	0
Tramadol, Gabapentin, Venlafaxine Paracetamol, Mirtazapine, Olanzapine, Valproic acid, Zopiclone, Diazepam	1	0	1
Tramadol, Methadone Diazepam, Cannabis, Mirtazapine, Lignocaine, Paracetamol	1	1	0
Y13 - Other drugs acting on the autonomic nervous system			
Propranolol	1	0	1
Propranolol Amitriptyline, Lorazepam, Delorazepam	1	1	0
Propranolol, Sulpiride, Procyclidine	1	0	1
Y14 - Other and unspecified drugs, medicaments and biological substances			
Amlodipine	1	0	1
Insulin, Zolpidem	1	1	0
Quinine	1	0	1
Unspecified drug	4	1	3
Unspecified drug, Alcohol	1	0	1
Venlafaxine, Paracetamol	1	0	1
MENTAL DISORDERS			
F11 - F19 Mental and behavioural disorders due to psychoactive substance use	69	49	20
F11 - Opioids			
Analgesic	1	0	1

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Methadone	1	0	1
F12 - Cannabinoids			
Cannabis	1	0	1
F13 - Sedatives or hypnotics			
Diazepam	2	2	0
Fluoxetine	1	0	1
F14 - Cocaine			
Cocaine	1	1	0
Cocaine Benzodiazepine, Paracetamol, Levamisole, Alcohol	1	1	0
F15 - Other stimulants, including caffeine			
Methiopropamine	1	1	0
F18 - Volatile solvents			
Unspecified solvent	1	1	0
F19 - Multiple drug use and use of other psychoactive substances			
Amisriptyline, Methadone, Diazepam	1	0	1
Amphetamine, Cocaine	1	1	0
Diazepam, Gabapentin, Methadone, Mirtazapine, Cannabis	1	0	1
Diazepam, Methadone	1	0	1
Dihydrocodeine, Cannabis, Amphetamine, Diazepam, Temazepam	1	1	0
Dihydrocodeine, Codeine, Morphine, Diazepam	1	1	0
Dihydrocodeine, Ethylphenidate	1	1	0
Etizolam, Morphine	1	1	0
Gabapentin, Tramadol, Diazepam, Heroin	1	1	0
Gamma hydroxybutyrate, Citalopram, Olanzapine, Methadone, Morphine	1	1	0
Methadone, Chlorpheniramine, Cannabis	1	1	0
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Methadone, Diazepam, Mirtazapine	1	0	1
Methadone, Diazepam, Temazepam	1	0	1
Methadone, Dihydrocodeine, Diazepam, Carbamazepine, Cannabis	1	1	0
Methadone, Pregabalin, Dothiepin, Diazepam, Propranolol, Zopiclone	1	0	1
Methadone, Pregabalin, Etizolam, Diazepam	1	1	0
Morphine, Cannabis	1	1	0
Morphine, Diazepam	1	0	1
Morphine, Heroin, Diazepam, Tramadol	1	1	0
Morphine, Methadone, Diazepam, Lorazepam, Gabapentin, Haloperidol, Paracetamol	1	1	0
Unspecified drug	10	8	2
Unspecified drug	10	9	1
Unspecified drug Ethylphenidate	1	1	0
Valproic acid, Morphine, Diazepam	1	1	0
Amisriptyline, Diazepam, Tramadol, Gabapentin, Mirtazapine, Codeine, Morphine, Methadone, Ethylphenidate, Alcohol	1	1	0
Beta hydroxybutyrate, Acetone, Gamma hydroxybutyrate	1	1	0
Delorazepam, Flubromazepam, Zolpidem, Pregabalin	1	1	0
Diazepam, Codeine, Morphine, Dihydrocodeine, Alcohol	1	0	1
Dihydrocodeine, Methadone, Sertraline, Mirtazapine	1	0	1
Methadone, Cannabis, Alcohol	1	1	0
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Morphine, Methadone, Diazepam, Cyclizine, Mirtazapine	1	1	0
Pregabalin, Methadone, Tramadol, Amisriptyline, Morphine	1	1	0
COMPLICATIONS OF MEDICAL AND SURGICAL CARE			
Y40 - Y59 Drugs, medicaments and biological substances causing adverse effects in therapeutic use	22	13	9
Y42 - Hormones and their synthetic substitutes and antagonists, not elsewhere classified			
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Y43 - Primarily systemic agents			
Chemotherapy	1	0	1
Methotrexate	1	0	1
Y44 - Agents primarily affecting blood constituents			
Anticoagulant	2	2	0
Apixaban	1	0	1
Warfarin	6	2	4
Y45 - Analgesics, antipyretics and anti-inflammatory drugs			
Non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drug	1	1	0
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Paracetamol	1	1	0
Y47 - Sedatives, hypnotics and antianxiety drugs			
Pentobarbitone	1	1	0
Y48 - Anaesthetics and therapeutic gases			
Anaesthetic	1	1	0
Y49 - Psychotropic drugs, not elsewhere classified			
Phenothiazine	1	1	0
Y51 - Drugs primarily affecting the autonomic nervous system			
Galantamine	1	1	0
Y52 - Agents primarily affecting the cardiovascular system			
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Y57 - Other and unspecified drugs and medicaments			
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One such death was registered in 2015.

3) In this case, the code for the underlying cause of death is wrong. Unfortunately, the error was not spotted until after the data for 2015 were 'frozen'.

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