

Drug Related Deaths in Scotland, 2025 - Drug Stigma Toolkit Update

This briefing has been developed to provide an update and to support facilitators in preparing for delivery of the drug stigma workshop.

Both the framing document and the workshop within the toolkit include information relating to drug related deaths which was accurate at the time of publication (September 2025 and July 2026). As the toolkit will not undergo a formal review until 2027, the Drug Stigma Action Group (DSAG) has produced this briefing to provide readers and facilitators with the most up to date, drug related death data available (September 2026). This information can be incorporated into facilitation to ensure participants of the workshop receive the latest evidence and context alongside the published workshop materials.



‘In 2025, 1133 people died of a drug related death in Scotland.’

[Drug-related deaths in Scotland, 2025 - National Records of Scotland \(NRS\)](#)

Facilitator Note:

302 people in Greater Glasgow and Clyde died of a drug related death in 2025.



‘In 2025, people living in the most deprived areas are 15 times more likely to die of a drug related death when compared to least deprived’

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