

STATISTICS PRESS NOTICE – ALCOHOL RELATED DEATHS REGISTERED IN NORTHERN IRELAND (2007-2017)



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Alcohol Related Deaths reach highest on record

2017 saw the number of alcohol related deaths in Northern Ireland increase for the fourth consecutive year to the highest on record. This is one of the findings of the statistics published today by the Northern Ireland Statistics and Research Agency (NISRA).

The statistics show that 303 of the 16,036 deaths registered in Northern Ireland in 2017 were due to alcohol related causes. This is almost 30 per cent more than was recorded a decade previously (238) and 70 per cent more than 2001 when the time series began (178). However alcohol related deaths continue to account for less than 2% of total deaths registered each year.

As in previous years the number of alcohol related deaths is higher among males, accounting for 70 per cent (212) of the 2017 total. The largest number of alcohol related deaths continued to occur in those aged between 45 and 54 years.

The statistics also indicate that there are notably higher numbers of alcohol related deaths in areas of deprivation across Northern Ireland. People living in the most deprived areas are four times more likely to die from an alcohol related death than those in the least deprived areas.

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NOTES TO EDITORS

1. The alcohol related deaths registered in Northern Ireland statistics can be found at:
<https://www.nisra.gov.uk/statistics/cause-death/alcohol-and-drug-deaths>
2. The methodology for selecting alcohol related deaths was revised following a consultation led by the Office for National Statistics (ONS) in 2017. The consultation document can be viewed at the following link:
<https://consultations.ons.gov.uk/health-and-life-events/alcohol-mortality-definition-review/>
3. Information on the areas of deprivation is taken from the Northern Ireland Multiple deprivation measures (NIMDM 2017) and can be found at:
<https://www.nisra.gov.uk/statistics/deprivation/northern-ireland-multiple-deprivation-measure-2017-nimdm2017>
4. Northern Ireland age standardised alcohol specific death rates for 2017 were published by ONS as part of a UK wide report, more information can be found at:
<https://www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepopulationandcommunity/healthandsocialcare/causesofdeath/bulletins/alcoholrelateddeathsintheunitedkingdom/registeredin2017>
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