

In regard to your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act, I have answered your questions below with the information Public Health Wales holds. Where we do not hold the information, I have signposted you to the appropriate public authority.

Your Question

I am conducting in-depth research on how to improve the number of child deaths occurring by analysing the coronary reporting mechanisms for child deaths by poisoning from parental misuse of drugs such as methadone and buprenorphine. I would like to have access to the reports and statistics that have been published from 2003 to the current year if possible.

Our Answer – This information should be held by the Welsh Government and the Office of National Statistics (ONS) link to their website here

Wales: <https://statswales.wales.gov.uk/Catalogue/Health-and-Social-Care/Births-Deaths-and-Conceptions/Deaths/Deaths-by-Cause>
England and Wales – ONS <http://www.ons.gov.uk/>

Your Question

Is there a website that a) details the statistics of child deaths by this causality generally and specifically by drug misuse in England and Wales

Our answer This information should be held by the Office of National Statistics (ONS) link to their website here

England and Wales – ONS <http://www.ons.gov.uk/>

Your Question b) details the safeguarding statistics of child reported deaths by the Registrar of Births and Deaths

Our answer Public Health Wales does not hold this information

Your Question c) how many coroner offices are there in the UK and contact details?

Our Answer details of Coroners offices should be held by the [Coroner Society](http://www.coronersociety.org.uk/) <http://www.coronersociety.org.uk/>

Your Question d) could you provide with those inclusive of age 18 and identify if these deaths throughout the whole report were for methadone and buprenorphine relate poisoning child deaths?

Our Answer Public Health Wales does not hold this information, it may be held at individual Health Board level, to ascertain this information you would need to contact each individual Health Board. Their contact details can be found on the Health in Wales website .. linked to here for your convenience

<http://www.wales.nhs.uk/ourservices/directory>

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint or request a review of the decision, you should write to the Corporate Complaints Manager, Public Health Wales NHS Trust, Unit 1 Charnwood Court, Heol Billingsley, Parc Nantgarw Cardiff, CF15 7QZ.

If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint or review, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the complaints procedure provided by the Trust. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

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