

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER 2017**

Question

How many clients of the Drug and Alcohol Service have died from overdoses or drug-related causes in the past 5 years, with these figures broken down by age, sex and by year?

Answer

Information has been collated using available data from completed inquests for drug-related deaths occurring from 01/01/2012 to 31/12/2015, and a comparison made with clients from the Alcohol and Drug Service's electronic records.

A number of inquests for deaths occurring in 2016 and 2017 are not yet complete, with the cause of death not determined. Therefore, these years are not included in this answer.

Over the period 01/01/12 - 31/12/15, 9 individuals – all adults – were known to the Alcohol and Drug Service. Only 5 of these individuals were under the care of the Service at the time of death.

Due to the small numbers involved, we are unable to provide any further breakdown by age, gender or year as this would risk identifying individuals.