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Dear

**ATISN 14327 – drug overdose deaths in Wales and drug related admissions to Welsh hospitals**

Thank you for your request which I received on 17 September. You asked for:

1. How many drug overdose deaths there have been in Wales from 01/01/2015 - 31/12/2019?
2. How many drug related admissions to Welsh hospitals for the same period?

I enclose a table with information on drug overdose deaths. The 2019 statistics are due to be published on 14th October and will be available on the ONS website

The definition of drug poisoning are deaths involving both legal and illegal drugs. Drug misuse deaths involves only illegal drugs.

	2015	2016	2017	2018
Drug poisoning	238	271	260	327
Drug misuse	168	192	185	208

Welsh Government does not hold the information regarding drug related admissions to Welsh Hospitals. This information may be available from the National Collaborative Commissioning Unit and they can be contacted on the following:

Freedom of Information Officer,  
Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board,  
Ynysmeurig House,



Parc Cathays • Cathays Park  
Caerdydd • Cardiff • CF10 3NQ

Canolfan Cyswllt Cyntaf  
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[CustomerHelp@gov.wales](mailto:CustomerHelp@gov.wales)  
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Navigation Park,  
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Email: [freedomofinformation@wales.nhs.uk](mailto:freedomofinformation@wales.nhs.uk)

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Welsh Government,  
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Wycliffe House,  
Water Lane,  
Wilmslow,  
Cheshire,  
SK9 5AF.

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Yours sincerely