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Dear Sir/Madam

Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)

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Thank you for your request for information relating to Drug and alcohol deaths partnership review process.

You have requested the following information:

The Office for Health Improvement and Disparities (OHID) said upper tier local authorities should hold this information when I submitted a previous press enquiry and I believe OHID has recommended the systems about which I am asking questions below:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/preventing-drug-and-alcohol-deaths-partnership-review-process/preventing-drug-and-alcohol-deaths-partnership-review-process>.

Description of information sought:

1. Broken down by name of substance/drug and calendar year, the number of non-fatal overdoses and near-fatal overdoses recorded in the calendar years 2023 and 2024.

We are advising you as per Section 1(1) of the Act that this information is not held. Non-fatal overdoses/near-fatal overdoses data is not currently being reported on by the local authority. The local authority receive intelligence from local partner organisations on potential incidents however, at this time there is currently no process confirming these incidents as a factual overdose.

To assist, the local authority is currently in development with local partners such as West Midlands Police, coroner and local hospitals to improve the process of being able to receive confirmation of such incidents in the future.

2. Broken down by name of substance/drug and calendar year, the number of drug-related deaths recorded in the calendar years 2023 and 2024.

The information you requested falls under the exemption(s) in Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, which relates to 'information reasonably accessible to the applicant by other means.'

The exemption applies as the information is published and publicly available to view by accessing the website for the Office for National Statistics. This information is updated yearly at local authority level. The information for 2024 is currently not available and we anticipate the data to be published in October 2025.

Please see below instructions on how to download the data for Coventry.

Go to ons.gov.uk -> People, Population and community -> Births, deaths and marriages -> Deaths -> Deaths related to drug poisoning in England and Wales ->

Select dataset 'Deaths related to drug poisoning by the local authority, England and Wales -> Table 1 & Table 2

3. Broken down by calendar year, the number of alcohol-related deaths recorded in the calendar years 2023 and 2024.

The information you requested falls under the exemption(s) in Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, which relates to 'information reasonably accessible to the applicant by other means.'

The exemption applies as the information is published and publicly available to view by accessing the website for the Department for Health & Social Care.

This information is available on the Department of Health and Social Care platform Fingertips and is available at local authority level. The information for 2023/2024 is currently not available and we anticipate the data to be published in February 2025.

Please see below instructions on how to download the data for Coventry:

Go to <https://fingertips.phe.org.uk/> -> Public health profiles -> Alcohol profile -> data -> Change area type to 'Counties & UAs' -> Change Group type to 'Regions (statistical)' -> Change Group to 'West Midlands region (statistical)' -> Change area to 'Coventry' -> Indicators below will show the most updated Alcohol Mortality for Coventry.

4. Broken down by calendar year, the number of deaths in drug and alcohol treatment (including people who left treatment within 6 months of their death) recorded in the calendar years 2023 and 2024.

The information you requested falls under the exemption(s) in Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, which relates to 'information reasonably accessible to the applicant by other means.'

The exemption applies as the information is published and publicly available to view by accessing

the website for the Office for Health Improvement and Disparities (OHID).

This information is available on the NDTMS (National Drug Treatment Monitoring System) and is available at local authority level. The information is updated to 2023/24, and we are unsure of the publication date for 2024/2025.

Please see below instructions on how to download the data for Coventry.

Go to <https://www.ndtms.net/> -> Home -> Viewit -> Adult Profiles -> Outcomes of Treatment -> Change geographical area to 'Coventry' -> Change the indicators to 'Treatment Exits' -> Select 'Died' for Treatment Exits

5. Details of the membership of your local drug information systems (LDIS) panel and multi-agency/partnership panel to review cases of drug and alcohol-related deaths (DARDs) and non-fatal overdoses and near-fatal overdoses – does the panel have a lead officer and chair? How many members does each panel have (if they are distinct) and what are their expertise in relevant disciplines as per LDIS guidance.

We have an established, well-functioning LDIS process in Coventry. This is coordinated by The Drugs and Alcohol team in the Local Authority. The LDIS coordinators will lead on the process locally including chairing the Core and multiagency LDIS panels. The LDIS co-ordinator is also responsible for the distribution of information to Coventry LDIS Professional Information Network (PIN): The membership of Coventry's core panel, multiagency panel and PIN is below:

LDIS Core Panel LDIS Multi-agency Panel LDIS PIN

- Coventry City Council (Public Health and Commissioning)
- Coventry's Drug and Alcohol Commissioned Services (Adult and Young People) • Coventry City Council (Public Health, Commissioning ,Housing & Coroner's office)
- Coventry's Drug and Alcohol Commissioned Services (Adult and Young People)
- Coventry and Warwickshire Partnership Trust
- University Hospitals Coventry and Warwickshire
- West Midlands Police
- Local Women's Services
- Primary Care
- West Midlands Ambulance Service
- Craunstoun
- Warwickshire County Council (LDIS Co-Ordinator)
- Coventry City Council (Including Internal Teams)
- Change Grow Live
- Change Grow Live (Dependence and Recovery)
- Cranstoun
- Positive Choices
- Dynamo Recovery Support
- Fulcrum Housing
- Turnaround West Midlands
- Kairos Women Working Together
- Valley House
- HMP (Prison Service)
- Coventry & Warwickshire Probation Service
- West Midlands Police

- Local General Practice's
- Local Community Pharmacy
- Coventry and Warwickshire Partnership Trust (CWPT) (Inc Safeguarding)
- University Hospitals Coventry and Warwickshire (UHCW) (Inc Safeguarding)
- West Midlands Ambulance Service (WMAS) (Inc Safeguarding)
- Coventry Alcohol Response Ambulance (CARA)
- Integrated Care Board (ICB) (Inc Safeguarding)
- University of Warwick
- Coventry University
- Coventry University Students Union
- Department for Work and Pensions (DWP)
- Voluntary Action Coventry (VAC)
- Helping Hands
- St Basils
- South Warwickshire Foundation Trust (SWFT)
- West Midlands Region Local Authorities LDIS Contacts

At present, we do not have a DARD panel that looks in depth into specific drug or alcohol related deaths. This case-specific process happens within individual organisations. We do however have a Drug Related Harms and Deaths Subgroup in which themes, patterns, good practice and gaps or barriers can be explored in partnership. This subgroup is a joint group that sits across Coventry and Warwickshire. Coventry and Warwickshire subgroup at the time of writing have sixty-two members from twenty different organisations, the list of organisations is below:

- Nuneaton & Bedworth Borough Council
- Change, Grow, Live Coventry
- University Hospitals Coventry and Warwickshire
- Stratford District Council
- Coventry City Council
- Warwickshire County Council
- National Probation Services
- Integrated Care Board Coventry and Warwickshire
- George Elliot Hospital
- Warwickshire Police
- South Warwickshire Foundation Trust
- Coventry and Warwickshire Partnership Trust
- Office for Police and Crime Commissioner Warwickshire
- Cranstoun
- Her Majesty Prison Service
- Coventry Probation Service
- West Midlands Police
- Positive Choices
- Compass
- Office for Police and Crime Commissioner West Midlands

6. Details of the geographic area (eg is it limited to your council area or a larger area) covered by your multi-agency/partnership panel which reviews (a) drug-related deaths (b) alcohol-related deaths (c) deaths in drug and alcohol treatment (including people who left treatment within 6 months of their death) (d) near-fatal overdoses.

As described above we have a joint local drug related harms and deaths subgroup. Due to lots of over-lapping boundaries in the geographic area, a decision was made to work in partnership across the wider system to ensure greater management of cross boundary incidents and themes or areas of concern in Coventry and Warwickshire. The local drug and alcohol services in Coventry and Warwickshire are also delivered by the same organisation: Change Grow Live.

- a) and b) As described above, at present we do not have a DARD panel that looks in depth into specific drug or alcohol related deaths. This case-specific process happens within individual organisations. We do however have a Drug Related Harms and Deaths Subgroup in which themes, patterns, good practice and gaps or barriers can be explored in partnership.
- c) This is looked at within our local commissioned treatment service for Coventry
- d) patterns and themes linked to near/ non-fatal overdoses are considered as part of the drug-related harms and deaths subgroup across Coventry and Warwickshire

7. Name and description of the local partnership group into which that multi-agency/partnership panel reports eg combating drugs partnership (CDP)

In Coventry, we have a local drug and alcohol partnership steering group which is one of the subgroups of the West Midlands Combatting Drugs and Alcohol Partnership.

The Combatting Drugs and Alcohol Partnership (CDAP) acts as a multi-agency board overseeing the three strands of the 'From Harm to Hope' national drug strategy:

1. break drug supply chains
2. deliver a world-class treatment and recovery system
3. achieve a shift in the demand for drugs

The WMCDAP covers the seven local authority areas that make up the West Midlands Metropolitan area.

8. Copies of, or a hyperlink to (if online), the terms of reference for your multi-agency/partnership panel.

At present we do not have a DARD panel. We do have a terms of reference for our drug related harms and deaths subgroup but sharing of these documents would need to be agreed and approved by both Coventry and Warwickshire Local Partnership Boards.

9. Broken down by calendar year and the name of the substances/drugs suspected to be involved in each death, the number of reviews your multi-agency/partnership panel carried out in the calendar years 2023 and 2024 for (a) drug-related deaths (b) alcohol-related deaths (c) deaths in drug and alcohol treatment (including people who left treatment within 6 months of their death) (d) near-fatal overdoses

- a,b,d) As described above, at present we do not have a local DARD panel reviewing individual drug and alcohol-related death cases, we also do not at present have a process for accessing specific case details, supported by toxicology around the substances involved in each death.
- c) in treatment death reviews are completed internally by our local drug and alcohol treatment provider Change Grow Live. This information would need to be accessed directly from the provider organisation.

10. Copies of, or a hyperlink to (if online), any evaluation carried out in the calendar years 2023 and 2024 by your multi-agency/partnership panel of its impact/work

Our joint drug and alcohol related harms subgroup has only been operational since July 2024. No

formal review has been conducted to date but will be considered moving forward as part of a wider drug and alcohol strategy review.

11. Copies of, or a hyperlink to (if online), any published records of findings and actions carried out by your multi-agency/partnership panel (such as an annual report) in the calendar years 2023 and 2024.

There are currently no published records of the findings or actions carried out by the subgroup. Any findings or actions to be published would need to be approved and agreed by both Coventry and Warwickshire Boards.

12. Details of any data sharing process agreed with a coroner by your multi-agency/partnership panel – is a process agreed and what is the name of the coroner's office(s) involved?

We have very recently made an agreement to work more closely with our Coroner's Team in Coventry to be able to look in more detail at cases where drugs and alcohol has been identified as a factor in a death. This is in the early stages and work to develop a local information agreement is in progress.

Coventry Coroner's Office are represented on our local LDIS multiagency panel, and engagement is positive.

13. Details of any notification process for near-fatal overdoses agreed with ambulance services, integrated care boards and/or hospital trusts by your multi-agency/partnership panel - is a process agreed and what are the names of the ambulance service(s), integrated care board(s) and/or hospital trust(s) involved?

No formal notification process is in place at this time but informal arrangements are in place with partners through commitment to local LDIS process to report intelligence in. Again some of this is in development and is a work in progress.

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Yours faithfully

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