2017 DRUG-RELATED DEATHS IN IRELAND

376 POISONING DEATHS

3 in 5 INVOLVED POLYDRUGS WITH AN AVERAGE OF 4 DIFFERENT DRUGS IMPLICATED

-43+ 43 yrs MEDIAN AGE

70% WERE MALE

DRUGS IMPLICATED IN POISONING DEATHS

ALCOHOL 1 in 3

ILlicit Drugs

8 TO 14 MDMA
42 TO 53 COCAINE
74 TO 77 HEROIN

67% OF POISONING DEATHS INVOLVED LICIT DRUGS (PRESCRIBABLE OR OVER-THE-COUNTER)

1 IN 4 METHADONE
1 IN 4 DIAZEPAM
47 TO 63 ALPRAZOLAM
Family members affected by drugs can contact the National Family Support Network:
www.fsn.ie or call 01 898 0148

INJECTING AT TIME OF DEATH IN 2017

- 2 in 5 occurred in Dublin City
- 94% involved opioids
- 3 in 5 alone at time of injecting

NON-POISONING DEATHS IN 2017

- 410 non-poisoning deaths among people who use drugs; medical e.g. cardiac or trauma e.g. hanging
- 1 in 4 due to hanging
- 6 in 10 deaths due to hanging had a history of mental health problems
- 35 yrs median age trauma
- 1 in 10 due to cardiac causes
- 49 yrs median age medical

NEED ADVICE
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