Drug-Related Deaths
2013 figures from the Health Research Board

2013

679
Deaths

2 people died each day from poisoning, trauma or medical causes

Premature deaths:
50% were 41 or younger

7 in 10 of deaths were male

Poisonings 2013

387
the number of people poisoned by drugs

Alcohol was involved in
1 in 3 poisoning deaths

40% of poisonings involved benzodiazepines

3 in 5 who died took a mixture of drugs

1 in 5 poisoning deaths involved heroin

Half of heroin-related deaths were injectors

Non-Poisonings 2013

These are deaths due to trauma (e.g. hanging) or medical causes (e.g. cardiac events) among people who use drugs

292
the number of deaths among people who use drugs

1 in 4 non-poisoning deaths were a result of hanging

6 in 10 of people who died by hanging had history of mental health illness.

NEED ADVICE
If you have any concerns regarding drugs you should contact: www.drugs.ie or call 1800 459 459
Family members affected by drugs can contact the National Family Support Network: www.fsn.ie or call 01 8980148