



**Subject: Briefing Paper: Alcohol-Specific Deaths 2022**  
**From: Renfrewshire Alcohol and Drug Partnership**  
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## **1. Purpose**

The purpose of this briefing paper is to advise on the number of alcohol-specific deaths which occurred in Scotland and Renfrewshire in 2022. The [National Records of Scotland](#) published these figures on Tuesday, 29<sup>th</sup> August 2023.

## **2. Scotland**

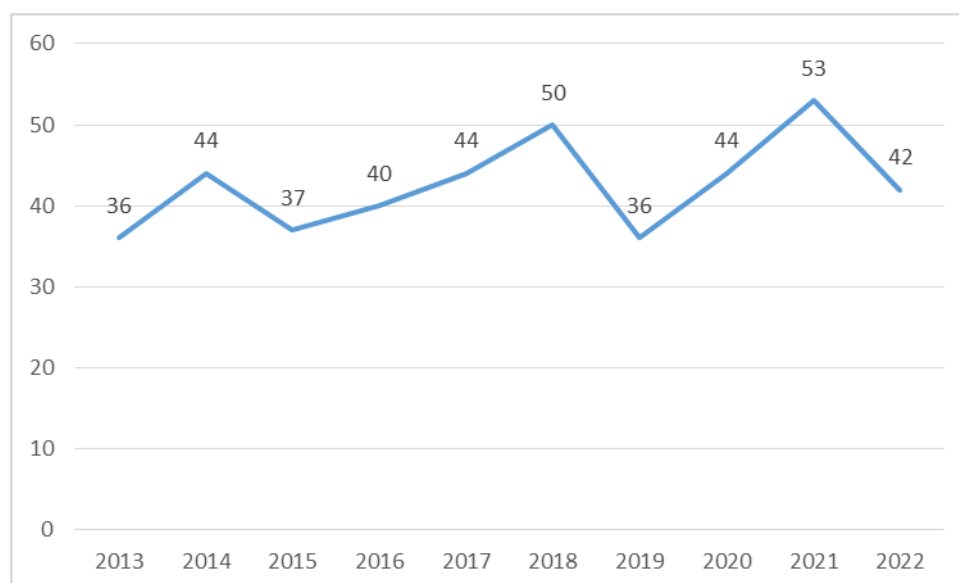
According to figures published by National Records of Scotland on 29<sup>th</sup> August 2023, 1276 people died in Scotland from causes solely attributed to alcohol. This figure represents an increase of 2% (31 deaths) compared to 2021 and an increase of 25% (256 deaths) on 2019. This means that 3 people a day or 24 people per week lose their lives because of alcohol in Scotland.

- In 2022, the average age at death for females was 58.7 years and for males it was 60.0 years.
- Male deaths continue to account for around two thirds of alcohol specific deaths. However, female deaths increased by 31 to 440 deaths in 2022 while males remain the same.
- There are 4.3 times as many deaths from these causes in the most deprived areas as in the least deprived areas but the equality gap has been narrowing.
- Scotland continues to have the highest alcohol-specific death rate of the UK constituent countries in 2021, the latest year for which comparable data exists. Data for the rest of the UK is yet to be released for 2022.

## **3. Renfrewshire**

There were 42 alcohol-specific deaths in Renfrewshire in 2022. This is a decrease of 21% (11 deaths) compared to 2021. This is in contrast to Scotland which has seen a slight increase.

Figure 1: Renfrewshire Alcohol-specific alcohol related deaths 2013-2022



- Across all 32 local authorities in Scotland Renfrewshire has the 8<sup>th</sup> highest rate of deaths per 100,000 population (2018-2022).
- Across NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde (NHSGGC), there were 326 alcohol-specific deaths, an increase of 2% compared with the previous year.

Figure 2: NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde no. alcohol specific deaths

Area	2021	2022	% change
<b>Renfrewshire</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>- 21%</b>
East Dunbartonshire	15	24	+60%
East Renfrewshire	16	9	-44%
Glasgow city	188	202	+7%
Inverclyde	26	28	+8%
West Dunbartonshire	40	21	-47%
NHS GGC	338	326	+2%