

This is a comparison between 2 identical surveys to help identify possible cocaine and alcohol related deaths in the local community shared mainly on Facebook

1. Shared by Maggie Cee and Nicola Smerdon in South Wales Valleys in March 2020 with total 819 respondents

2. Shared by Nadine Taylor and Mandy Naylor in Rosendale Valley in March 2022 with total 244 respondents

Initial Observations:

Similar percentiles noted throughout the survey.

Common highest ages of death 19-35

Predominantly male (over 85%)

Alcohol or/and Cocaine use most common

Over 70% of people who died did not have signs of, or prediagnosed mental health condition

Very consistent profile of survey respondents

(ie mostly women aged 25-55)

Over 90% of respondents said there was not enough awareness or understanding of the risk of suicide when taking cocaine and alcohol together.

Q1 Do you know of anyone that has died by suicide/sudden death as a result of taking drugs and alcohol together?

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
No	32.60%	267
Yes - family member	18.56%	152
Yes - friend	37.12%	304
Yes: Other (if you know of more than one please specify)	11.72%	96
TOTAL		819

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
No (1)	20.90%	51
Yes - family member (2)	17.62%	43
Yes - friend (3)	42.62%	104
Yes: Other (if you know of more than one please specify) (4)	18.85%	46
TOTAL		244

Q2 If YES, what age were they when they died?

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
under 16	1.60%	9
16 to 18	6.38%	36
19 to 24	46.28%	261
25 to 34	20.57%	116
35 to 44	13.65%	77
45 to 54	6.38%	36
55 to 64	3.72%	21
65 or older	1.42%	8
TOTAL		564

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
under 16 (1)	0.51%	1
16 to 18 (2)	3.55%	7
19 to 24 (3)	25.38%	50
25 to 34 (4)	52.28%	103
35 to 44 (5)	11.17%	22
45 to 54 (6)	5.58%	11
55 to 64 (7)	0.51%	1
65 or older (8)	1.02%	2
TOTAL		197

Q3 Were they male or female

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Male	85.82%	484
Female	16.67%	94
Total Respondents: 564		

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Male (1)	87.37%	173
Female (2)	12.63%	25
TOTAL		198

Q4 Have you or anyone close to you experienced suicidal feelings during/after drinking alcohol and taking drugs?

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
No	41.02%	331
Yes - drugs and alcohol together	21.93%	177
Yes - just alcohol	27.63%	223
Yes - just drugs	4.09%	33
Yes - Other (please specify)	5.33%	43
TOTAL		807

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
No (1)	36.51%	88
Yes - drugs and alcohol together (2)	37.76%	91
Yes - just alcohol (3)	18.67%	45
Yes - just drugs (4)	3.73%	9
Yes - Other (please specify) (5)	3.32%	8
TOTAL		241

Q5 If yes, to Q1 or Q4, which types of alcohol and drugs were taken (if you know) tick any that apply.

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Alcohol; spirits	52.17%	300
Alcohol; beer, lager, cider, wine	47.30%	272
Cocaine (aka coke, charlie, bump, blow, big c, nose candy, powder, sugar, snow, etc)	40.70%	234
Ketamine (aka ket, special k, kitty, k-hole, vit k, etc)	6.26%	36
Synthetic cannabinoids (spice, black mamba, blaze, skunk, k2, etc)	6.09%	35
Other (please specify)	13.74%	79
Total Respondents: 575		

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Alcohol; spirits (1)	51.27%	101
Alcohol; beer, lager, cider, wine (2)	56.35%	111
Cocaine (aka coke, charlie, bump, blow, big c, nose candy, powder, sugar, snow, etc) (3)	59.39%	117
Ketamine (aka ket, special k, kitty, k-hole, vit k, etc) (4)	10.66%	21
Synthetic cannabinoids (spice, black mamba, blaze, skunk, k2, etc) (5)	6.60%	13
Other (please specify) (6)	12.69%	25
Total Respondents: 197		

Q6 If you know of someone's suicide due to alcohol and/or drugs, did they have diagnosed mental health problems before their death?

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
No - they seemed fine	40.00%	244
No, but I think they did have issues	30.16%	184
Yes, they had previously had treatment/help	15.08%	92
Yes, they were on medication or receiving help before they died	9.18%	56
Other (please specify)	5.57%	34
TOTAL		610

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
No - they seemed fine (1)	45.59%	93
No, but I think they did have issues (2)	30.39%	62
Yes, they had previously had treatment/help (3)	12.25%	25
Yes, they were on medication or receiving help before they died (4)	6.86%	14
Other (please specify) (5)	4.90%	10
TOTAL		204

Q7 Are you male or female?

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Male	19.70%	159
Female	78.93%	637
Don't wish to say	1.36%	11
TOTAL		807

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Male (1)	19.83%	47
Female (2)	79.75%	189
Don't wish to say (3)	0.42%	1
TOTAL		237

Q8 What is your age?

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
under 16	0.25%	2
16 to 18	2.71%	22
19 to 24	10.71%	87
25 to 34	18.35%	149
35 to 44	26.48%	215
45 to 54	25.62%	208
55 to 64	11.08%	90
65 or older	4.80%	39
TOTAL		812

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
under 16 (1)	0.41%	1
16 to 18 (2)	1.23%	3
19 to 24 (3)	11.52%	28
25 to 34 (4)	28.40%	69
35 to 44 (5)	13.99%	34
45 to 54 (6)	23.87%	58
55 to 64 (7)	12.35%	30
65 or older (8)	8.23%	20
TOTAL		243

Q9 In which local area do you live?

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Rhondda Cynon Taf	25.89%	211
Merthyr	34.48%	281
Bridgend	4.42%	36
Other South Wales	28.22%	230
Mid or North Wales	1.10%	9
Rest of UK	4.79%	39
Rest of World	1.10%	9
TOTAL		815

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Rossendale (1)	54.92%	134
Pendle (2)	8.61%	21
Hyndburn (3)	1.64%	4
Other Lancashire (4)	13.52%	33
Other North West England (5)	11.07%	27
Rest of UK (6)	6.15%	15
Rest of World (7)	4.10%	10
TOTAL		244

Q10 Do you think there is enough understanding of the increased risk of suicide with mixing alcohol and cocaine?

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	6.25%	51
No	93.75%	765
TOTAL		816

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes (1)	5.71%	14
No (2)	94.29%	231
TOTAL		245