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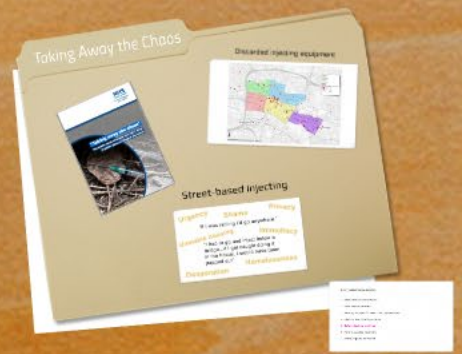


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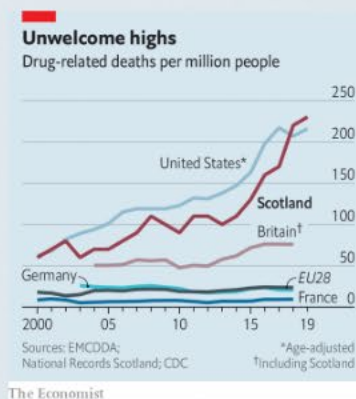


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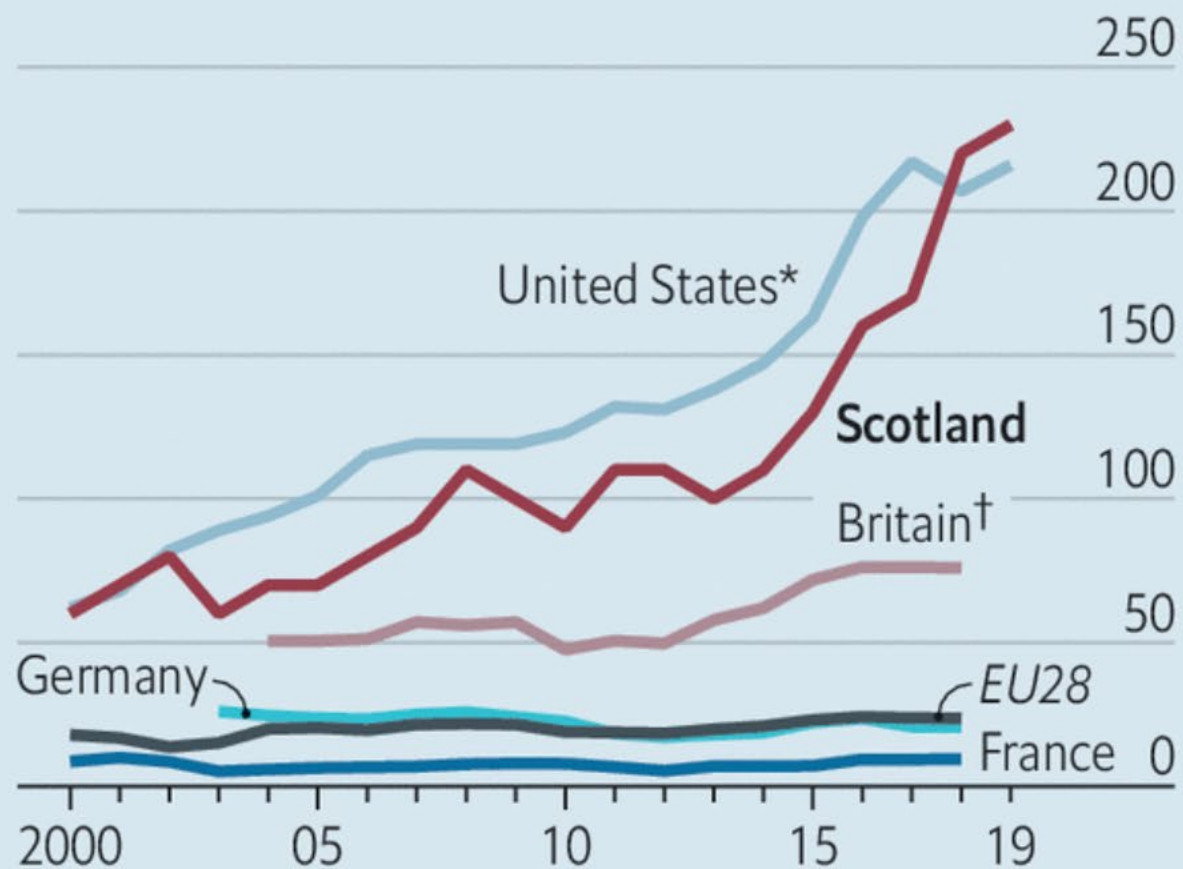


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Unwelcome highs

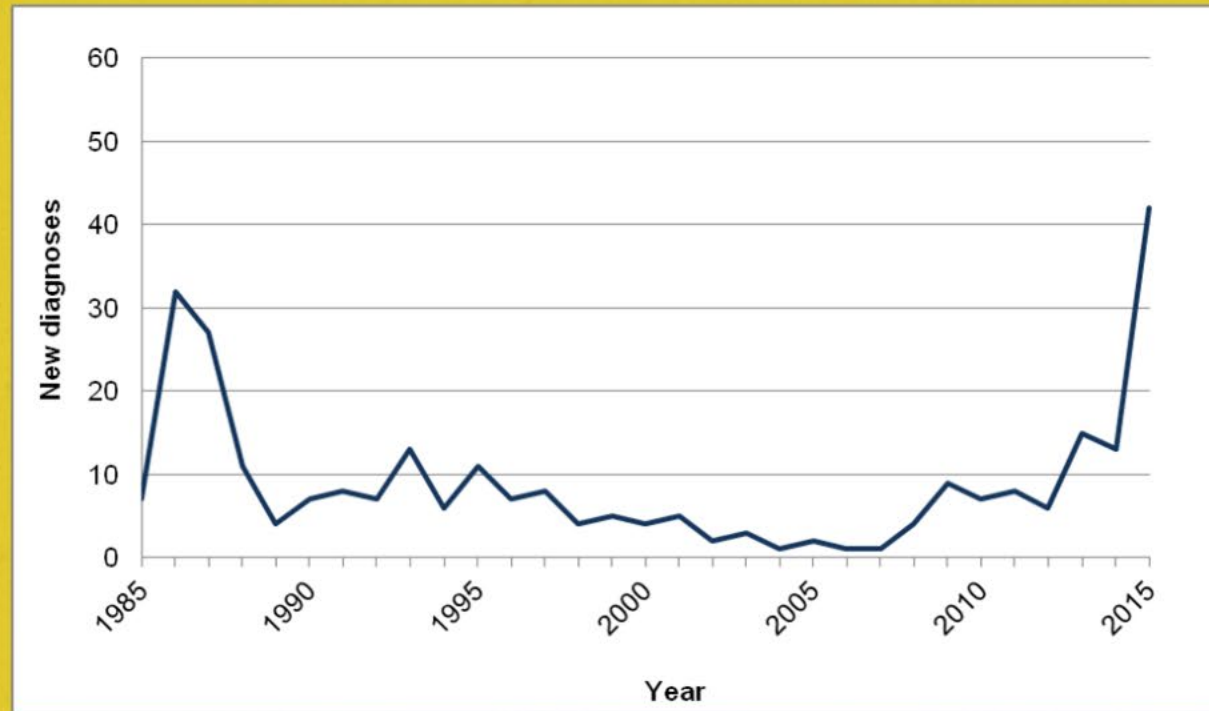
Drug-related deaths per million people



Sources: EMCDDA;
National Records Scotland; CDC

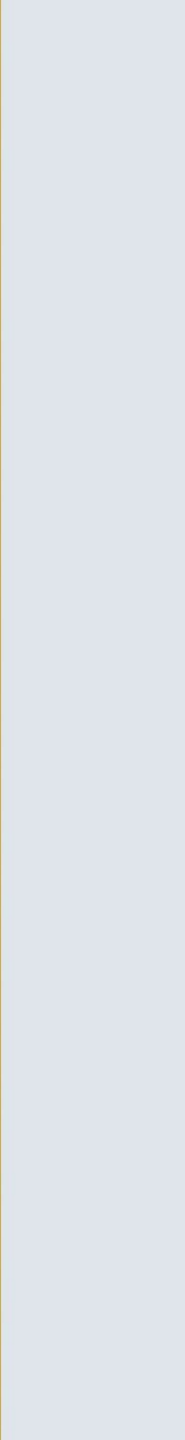
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HIV outbreak





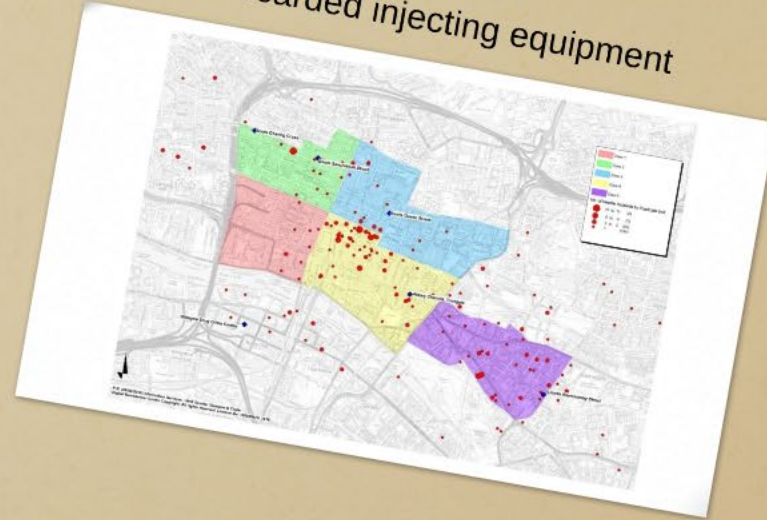




Taking Away the Chaos



Discarded injecting equipment



Street-based Injecting

Urgency

Shame

Privacy

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Unstable housing

Immediacy

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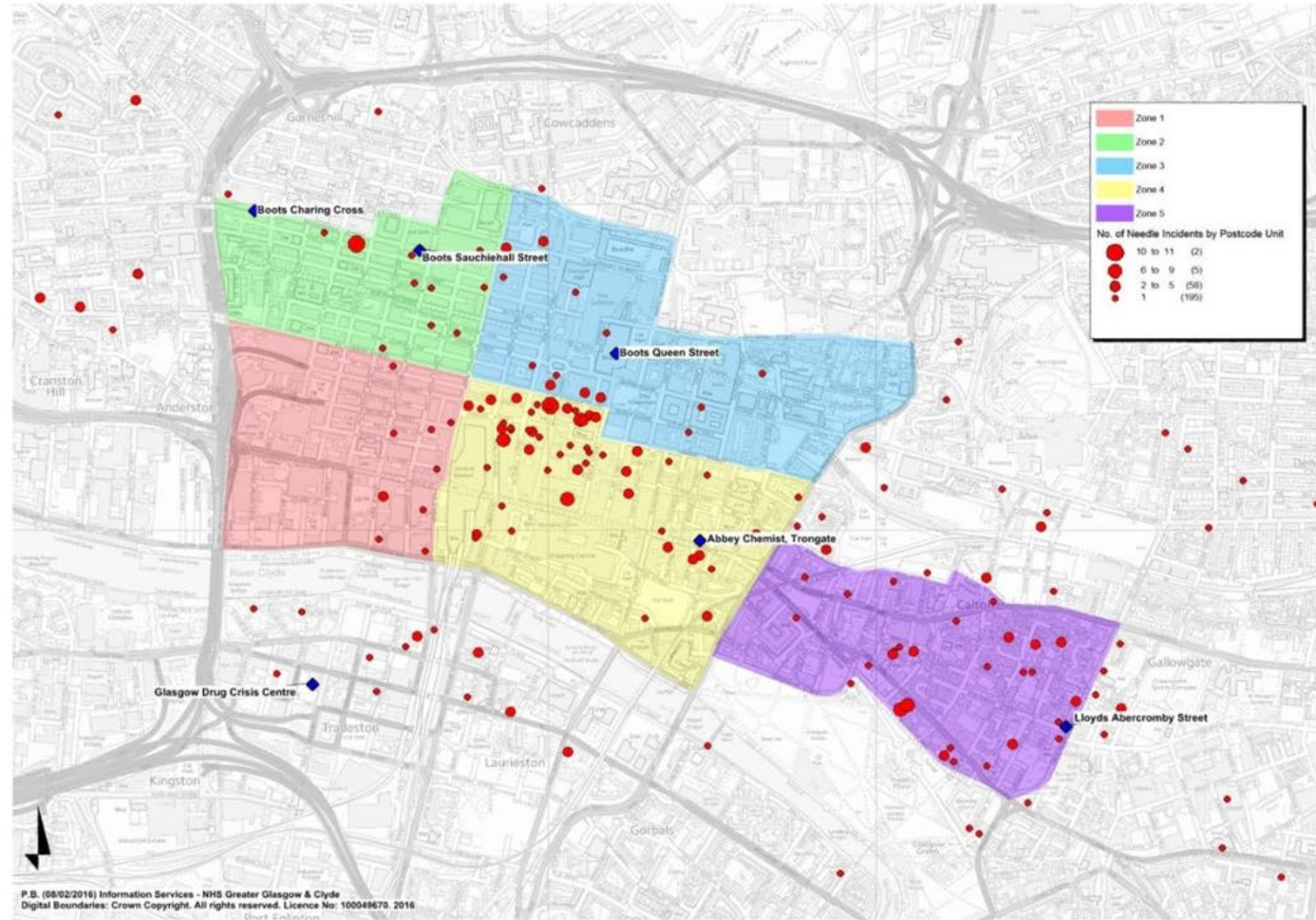
Homelessness

"Taking away the chaos"
The health needs of people who inject drugs
in public places in Glasgow city centre



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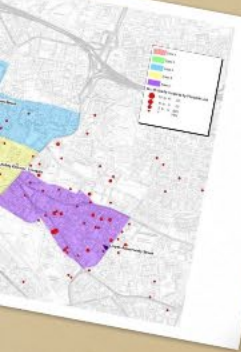
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Lord Advocate
refuses to provide
prosecution
waiver**

**Jan 2018 -
Ronnie Cowan MP
secures debate in
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DCRs**

**Mar 2018 -
Alison Thewliss
MP presents
Ten Minute
Rule Bill**

**Apr 2018 -
Glasgow
councillors
unanimously
support motion
on SIFs**

**Apr 2018 -
Minister Aileen
Campbell passes
motion on Safer
Injecting
Facilities**

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image from Transform Drugs Policy

**May 2022 -
Paul Sweeney MSP
proposes Drug
Death Prevention
Bill**



Drugs Policy

Sept 2023 -
Lord Advocate "prepared to
publish a prosecution policy
that it would not be in the
public interest to prosecute
drug users for simple
possession offences
committed within a pilot
safer drugs consumption
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 The Conversation

Scotland's legal go-ahead for safer drug consumption rooms is a gamechanger

With drug policy a Westminster matter, Holyrood has sought to address drug harms as a public health issue rather than a criminal one.

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 BBC

UK government will not block Scots drug room pilot

The UK government will not block plans for a drug consumption room pilot in Scotland, the Scottish secretary has confirmed.

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Lord Advocate statement on Glasgow drug consumption room

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No prosecution plan for possession in drug consumption rooms in Scotland

Scotland's top law officer has made clear it would "not be in the public interest" to prosecute people in a safe drugs consumption room with...

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Safe drug consumption: Lord Advocate says no prosecutions for users

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Operational model



Finance



Evaluation



Premises



Legal framework



Rest of Scotland



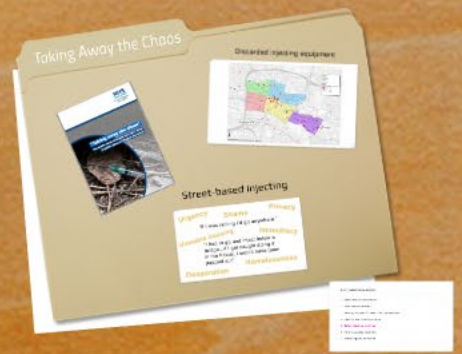


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