

## Food Standards Agency: Information released under the Freedom of Information Act

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### Request

1. *Does the FSA know the exact number of total deaths that have been attributed to 2,4 Dinitrophenol (DNP) poisoning (ingestion) in the UK up to the 30<sup>th</sup> June 2018?*
2. *How many total deaths are the FSA aware of that have been attributed to 2,4 Dinitrophenol (DNP) poisoning (ingestion) in the UK between 1<sup>st</sup> January 2017 to the 30<sup>th</sup> June 2018?*
3. *How many deaths in total do the FSA hold on file, that have been attributed to 2,4 Dinitrophenol (DNP) poisoning (ingestion) in the UK to the 30<sup>th</sup> June 2018?*
  - a. *That have been published.*
  - b. *That haven't been published.*
4. *How many deaths in total are the FSA aware of, that have been attributed to 2,4 Dinitrophenol (DNP) poisoning (ingestion) in the UK to the 30<sup>th</sup> June 2018, even if not held on file?*
5. *How does the FSA collate the statistics on such deaths i.e. which agencies or other sources does it rely on for reporting such statistics?*
6. *How often does the FSA update its records as to such statistics?*
7. *Does the FSA hold any information as to the number of survivors of acute DNP poisoning, if so how many people have survived to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2018?*

*I appreciate the answers to the questions 3. & 4. may be the same, I just wish to ensure the totality of stats. Reason being, the stats quoted by the media differs so much.*

### Response

1. **Does the FSA know the exact number of total deaths that have been attributed to 2,4 Dinitrophenol (DNP) poisoning (ingestion) in the UK up to the 30<sup>th</sup> June 2018?**

The FSA does not routinely collect and publish DNP fatality statistics. The National Poisons Information Service (NPIS) has recently prepared data identifying at least 25 deaths that are known or believed to be attributed to DNP toxicity between 1 January 2007 and 30 June 2018.

- 2. How many total deaths are the FSA aware of that have been attributed to 2,4 Dinitrophenol (DNP) poisoning (ingestion) in the UK between 1<sup>st</sup> January 2017 to the 30<sup>th</sup> June 2018?**

Data prepared recently by the NPIS identifies eight deaths that are known or believed to be attributed to DNP toxicity between 1 January 2017 and 30 June 2018.

- 3. How many deaths in total do the FSA hold on file, that have been attributed to 2,4 Dinitrophenol (DNP) poisoning (ingestion) in the UK to the 30<sup>th</sup> June 2018?**
- a. That have been published.**
  - b. That haven't been published.**

Please see response to question 1, above.

- 4. How many deaths in total are the FSA aware of, that have been attributed to 2,4 Dinitrophenol (DNP) poisoning (ingestion) in the UK to the 30<sup>th</sup> June 2018, even if not held on file?**

Please see the responses above.

- 5. How does the FSA collate the statistics on such deaths i.e. which agencies or other sources does it rely on for reporting such statistics?**

The FSA does not routinely collect and publish DNP fatality statistics. In the course of our work around the sale of DNP and associated fatalities, we work with other agencies including the NPIS, police forces and coroners' offices. We also engage with members of the public.

- 6. How often does the FSA update its records as to such statistics?**

The FSA does not routinely collect and publish DNP fatality statistics.

- 7. Does the FSA hold any information as to the number of survivors of acute DNP poisoning, if so how many people have survived to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2018?**

The FSA does not routinely collect or publish this information.