

TABLE 1 Deaths in police custody or otherwise with the police

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2 4 97	Cleveland	Hartlepool General Hospital	15	M	White	1 Cerebral anoxia 2 Accidental death	The deceased was arrested at 2205 hrs suspected of burglary. He was taken to Hartlepool police station, interviewed at 1300 hrs and placed in a cell pending charges being preferred. During this time the deceased used the cord from his tracksuit bottoms as a ligature which he secured to the buzzer plate within the cell. He was found unconscious, resuscitated and then taken to Hartlepool General Hospital at 1535 hrs where he was placed on a ventilator. He subsequently died on 2 April at 1010 hrs.
6 4 97	Metropolitan	Queen Mary University Hospital	61	M	White	1 Natural causes 2 No inquest	Police were executing a search warrant at a 'rave' party. The deceased was present at the party and was searched whilst inside the premises. On leaving the premises the deceased collapsed and died.
14 4 97	West Yorkshire	Pinderfields Hospital, Wakefield	44	M	White	1 Cardiac arrest 2 No inquest	The deceased was arrested at 1545 hrs after being involved in a fight at a pub. He was taken direct to hospital after complaining he had an ankle injury. He was then de-arrested at 1852 hrs. Medical staff operated on a diagnosed fractured ankle. He died the following morning, at 0910 hrs, from a cardiac arrest.
15 4 97	Cumbria	Cumberland Infirmary, Carlisle	54	M	White	1 Self inflicted drug overdose (Atanol) 2 Suicide	The deceased was arrested at 1500 hrs at the scene of a murder, where he admitted strangling his wife. He claimed to have taken a drug overdose. He was taken by ambulance to hospital where he died the following morning at 0804 hrs.
19 4 97	Northumbria	Wansbeck General Hospital, Ashington	24	M	White	1 Multiple injuries 2 Misadventure	The deceased was a disqualified driver seen at 0100 hrs acting suspiciously in a vehicle and was followed by the police. He drove off at speed and then crashed into a wall. He died in hospital at 0143 hrs
20 4 97	Greater Manchester	Middleton Road, Crumpsall	16	M	White	1 Multiple injuries 2 Accidental death	The deceased was spotted in a stolen car with four others by police officers. On seeing the police vehicle, the car sped off travelling through three sets of red traffic signals. The stolen car was followed by the police car, approx. 250 yards behind the stolen vehicle which was believed to be travelling in excess of 70 mph. The car left the road and struck a tree.
20 4 97	Greater Manchester	Middleton Road, Crumpsall	17	M	White	1 Multiple injuries 2 Accidental death	The deceased was spotted in a stolen car with four others by police officers. On seeing the police vehicle, the car sped off travelling through three sets of red traffic signals. The stolen car was followed by the police car, approx. 250 yards behind the stolen vehicle which was believed to be travelling in excess of 70 mph. The car left the road and struck a tree.
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30 4 97	Greater Manchester	M66, Pilsworth, Bury	19	M	White	1 Multiple injuries 2 Accidental death	Whilst driving a stolen vehicle on the M66 at 0243 hrs, the deceased was seen by a police patrol. He drove off at speed when requested to stop and the vehicle and a police patrol followed. A short time later the deceased lost control of the vehicle and it collided with a lamp-post.
30 4 97	Greater Manchester	M66, Pilsworth, Bury	16	M	White	1 Multiple injuries 2 Accidental death	The deceased was a passenger in a stolen vehicle. The vehicle did not stop when requested to by a police patrol and drove off at speed. A short time later the deceased lost control of the vehicle and it collided with a lamp-post.
30 4 97	Greater Manchester	M66, Pilsworth, Bury	16	M	Other	1 Multiple injuries 2 Accidental death	The deceased was a passenger in a stolen vehicle. The vehicle did not stop when requested to by a police patrol and drove off at speed. A short time later the deceased lost control of the vehicle and it collided with a lamp-post.
1 5 97	West Midlands	New Cross Hospital, Wolverhampton	36	M	Black	1 Asphyxiation due to a fit 2 Awaited	The deceased was a passenger in a vehicle stopped by police officers. He was found to be in possession of a substance believed to be cannabis. He was arrested at 1925 hrs and placed in a police vehicle. En route to the station the deceased stated that he had swallowed crack cocaine. He became unwell during the journey. On his arrival at the custody suite, an ambulance was called and efforts were made to revive him. He was removed to hospital at 1955 hrs and pronounced dead at 2038 hrs.
10 5 97	Thames Valley	Royal Berkshire Hospital	26	M	White	1 Amphetamine toxicity 2 Accidental death following the use of Amphetamine drugs	Ambulance paramedics were called to a private address by a third party who was concerned by the deceased's irrational behaviour, including self-mutilation, following consumption of an amphetamine. Ambulance staff refused to convey the deceased to hospital due to his violent behaviour. Police detained him for his own safety with a view to being certified under the Mental Health Act. He was handcuffed and his physical condition deteriorated. The handcuffs were removed and he was conveyed by the ambulance in attendance to hospital. He was pronounced dead at 0241 hrs.
11 5 97	Merseyside	Royal Liverpool Teaching Hospital	24	M	White	1 Asphyxia 2 Misadventure	The deceased was stopped at 1145 in connexion with traffic offences. He gave identity details relating to a person wanted under warrant. He was taken to Liverpool Main Bridewell police station where his true identity was discovered. The deceased was then charged with offences and placed in a cell whilst pending an attendance at court. He was visited at 1745 hrs and again at 1757 hrs when he was found hanging by a ligature made from material cut from a mattress cover and then attached to the grille over the cell window. He was taken to hospital at 1832 hrs and was pronounced dead at 1856 hrs.
6 4 97- 21 5 97	Dorset	River Stour, Sturminster Newton	30	M	White	1 Unascertained 2 Open verdict	At 0001 hrs on 6 April, the deceased drove through a police speed checkpoint and failed to stop. He was seen 10 minutes later walking away from his vehicle and ran off when challenged by the police. He was not seen again and was reported missing on the 8 April. His body was later found in the River Stow, close to where he originally ran off from the police.

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29 5 97	South Yorkshire	Northern General Hospital, Sheffield	47	M	White	1 Consistent with epileptic seizure 2 Death by natural causes	Police and ambulance services were called to a private address at 0630 hrs on reports that the deceased, who had a history of mental illness and violent behaviour, was threatening a cat. He agreed to go by ambulance to the hospital but became violent and had to be restrained and handcuffed by the police. He was then taken to Attercliffe police station and detained until a more suitable place of safety could be found. He became violent at the police station and sustained a dislocated finger during an altercation in the cell with a police officer. He was taken to hospital at 0930 hrs for treatment and returned to the police station as no bed was available in the psychiatric unit of the same hospital. The deceased was subsequently returned to hospital at 1322 hrs and arrived there at 1530 hrs. Officers left him unattended to fetch a wheelchair; when placed in the wheelchair he collapsed and attempts by police and medical staff to resuscitate him failed. He was pronounced dead some minutes later.
10 6 97	Hampshire	North Hampshire Hospital, Basingstoke	59	M	White	1 Suspected cardiac arrest 2 Suicide	The deceased was found on 9 June at 1530 hrs asleep on the floor of a private property by the resident. The police attended and found that he was wanted on warrant for a number of offences. At 1535 hrs, an ambulance arrived. It was believed that the deceased may have taken an overdose of Paracetamol and a large quantity of alcohol. The deceased was then taken to hospital under police supervision. He died in hospital the following day at 2310 hrs.
12 6 97	Essex	Basildon Hospital	44	M	White	1 Ischaemic heart disease aggravated by plastic package in windpipe 2 Accidental death	The deceased was arrested at 2010 hrs and taken to Basildon police station on drug-related offences. He arrived at the station at 2030 hrs whereupon he swallowed an item. He then appeared to have a fit and collapsed. He was seen by a police surgeon at 2105 hrs and taken to Basildon Hospital where he was certified dead at 2145 hrs.
28 6 97	Durham	Consett Police Station	52	M	White	1 Acute alcohol intoxication 2 Accidental death	The deceased was found in a drunken condition and was taken to Consett police station. During the journey he was placed in the recovery position and was heard to be snoring. At the police station, officers sought assistance to remove him from the van due to his large size. On their return, the deceased was found still in the recovery position but no longer breathing.
10 7 97	Northamptonshire	Northampton General Hospital	55	M	White	1 Acute pancreatitis and acute alcohol withdrawal and chronic alcoholism 2 Awaiting	The deceased was detained by police at 1659 hrs on 9 July after reports were received about a man acting bizarrely. He was detained at Daventry police station under the Mental Health Act 1983. At 1833 hrs he was moved to hospital, where he died the following morning at 0500 hrs in the intensive care unit.
19 7 97	West Yorkshire	Bradford Bridewell Police Station	58	M	White	1 Hanging 2 Suicide	The deceased was arrested at home at 1720 hrs for suspected burglary. He was taken to the police station and placed in a cell. The deceased who had been drinking was visited every half hour. The deceased was visited at 1957 hrs and found with a shoelace around his neck suspended from the toilet flush button. He was taken to Bradford Royal Infirmary where he was pronounced dead on arrival.
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21 7 97	Metropolitan	Greenwich District Hospital	62	M	White	1 Heart attack 2 Natural causes	Police were called to deal with an allegation of assault. On arrival at the scene police separated both parties to speak to them individually. On speaking to the deceased he collapsed. An ambulance was called and he was taken to hospital where he was pronounced dead.
23 7 97	Staffordshire	North Staffordshire Royal Infirmary	24	M	White	1a Bronchial pneumonia 1b Cerebral hypoxia 1c Suspension 2 Awaited	The deceased was arrested at Abbey Road at 1435 hrs for suspected robbery and burglary. He was detained at Hanley police station and placed in a cell. The deceased was a known heroin user and was seen by two police surgeons. On 11 July, at 1240 hrs, he was returned to his cell following being charged and remanded into police custody whilst awaiting the next available court sitting. At 1255 hrs he was found by the custody officer hanging by his shoe laces from the cell flap in the door to his cell. He was removed to hospital 1300 hrs, where he died 12 days later, without regaining consciousness.
1 8 97	Essex	Broomfield Hospital	26	M	White	1 Cocaine-induced delirium 2 Accidental death	The deceased was arrested at 2010 hrs for criminal damage and breach of the peace. A struggle took place whilst being escorted to the police vehicle by two officers. He was placed in a police car and then got out, leading to further struggle. When he was placed in the police car again he collapsed. Artificial respiration was administered by the officers until paramedics arrived. He was taken to hospital and placed on a life-support machine. The deceased failed to regain consciousness and the life-support machine was subsequently switched off at 2130 hrs
2 8 97	Metropolitan	Mayday Hospital	33	F	White	1 Death by asphyxiation 2 Suicide	The deceased was arrested for a criminal offence and taken to the police station. She was placed in the cell and examined by the doctor. Whilst in the cell she took off the leggings she was wearing and tied them around her neck causing asphyxiation. An ambulance was called and she was taken to hospital where she was pronounced dead.
7 8 97	Metropolitan	Mayday Hospital	41	M	White	1 Severe head injury 2 Accidental death	The deceased was found collapsed in a doorway and was arrested for being drunk in a public place. He was taken to the police station where the custody officer noticed he had a head injury. An ambulance was called and the deceased was taken to hospital where he later died.
7 8 97	Metropolitan	Mayday Hospital	40	F	White	1 Prothiaden poisoning 2 Suicide	The deceased was found collapsed in the street. An ambulance attended the scene and a paramedic examined the female and stated she was drunk. She was arrested for being drunk and incapable and conveyed to the police station where she was placed in a cell in the recovery position and her clothing was searched. A suicide note was found and an ambulance was therefore called. She was taken to hospital where she later died.
10 8 97	Metropolitan	Greenwich District Hospital	39	M	White	1a Haemorrhagic disorder (Acute) 1b Alcoholic liver disease 2 Natural causes	The deceased was arrested for being drunk and disorderly and taken to the police station where he was checked at regular intervals. During one of the checks he was found collapsed. An ambulance was called and he was taken to hospital on 7 August. He died four days later in hospital.

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17 8 97	Leicestershire	Anstrey (Field)	50	M	White	1 Shotgun wound to the head 2 Suicide	At 1124 hrs on 16 August, police were called to a private address where the deceased had been threatening to shoot himself. The deceased was found holding a shot-gun to his head in a field at the rear of the house. An officer entered into dialogue with the deceased whilst the area was contained and trained negotiators were contacted. At 0210 hrs a shot was heard and it was later found that the deceased had fatally wounded himself in the head.
17 8 97	Metropolitan	Tuffnell Park Road	51	M	Black	1 Multiple injuries 2 Open verdict	Police were pursuing a motor-bike which they believed to be stolen. Whilst following the motor-bike, the rider was seen to lose control and collided with a bollard. An ambulance was called and he was taken to hospital where he was pronounced dead
23 8 97	West Midlands	Stoney Stanton Police Station	36	M	White	1 Cocaine-poisoning [through non-dependant drug abuse] 2 Death due to cocaine-poisoning	The deceased was arrested at 0005 hrs under the Mental Health Act 1983 after being removed from the roof of a house. He was taken to the Coventry & Warwickshire Hospital where he became violent and difficult to control. He was handcuffed and taken to Stoney Stanton police station, arriving at 0136 hrs. Because of continuing behaviour, the deceased was placed in cell and left in handcuffs. He was checked at 0146 hrs and found to be dead.
28 8 97	Cumbria	West Cumberland Hospital, Whitehaven	53	M	White	1 Liver failure-sclerosis 2 No inquest	The deceased was arrested at 1705 hrs on the 22 August for road traffic offences. He was taken to Whitehaven police station and detained until he was fit enough to be interviewed. At 0547 hrs the following day, the deceased complained that he was feeling ill and vomiting blood. He was seen by a police surgeon and was then taken by ambulance to hospital, where he died five days later.
2 9 97	Essex	Southend Hospital	43	M	White	1 Suspected overdose of painkillers 2 Suicide	The deceased voluntarily attended the police station at 1345 hrs where he was subsequently arrested in connexion with serious offences. Police were notified that evening at 1920 hrs that empty pill bottles had been found at the deceased's home. He was immediately seen by a police surgeon who advised transfer to hospital at 2032 hrs. He died in hospital at 0600 hrs the next day.
3 9 97	Norfolk	Bethel Street Police Station	29	M	White	1 Suspected respiratory failure caused by alcohol intoxication combined with Methadone 2 Awaiting	The deceased was arrested at 2022 hrs on 22 September for being drunk and incapable and for possession of a controlled drug. He was found collapsed on the pavement and taken to the police station. He was placed in detention and regular visits were made. At 0105 hrs he was found not to be breathing. Attempts were made to resuscitate him and an ambulance called. He was pronounced dead by the police surgeon at 0140 hrs.
4 9 97	Devon & Cornwall	Private Address, Redruth	32	M	Asian	1 Massive haemorrhage; severed right femoral artery 2 Awaiting	The deceased threatened violence to an officer who arrived at his house at 2200 hrs in connexion with offences of theft. He threatened the officer with knives causing the officer to leave the premises. When entry was regained, he was restrained and arrested. It was then found that he had a stab wound to the leg with severe loss of blood. The officers gave him first aid, heart massage and tried to resuscitate him. An ambulance crew and a doctor subsequently took over. He was declared dead at 2300 hrs at his home address.

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17 9 97	South Yorkshire	Rotherham District General Hospital	41	M	White	1 Suspected drugs overdose 2 Awaited	On 16 September, a police officer attended a private address following a report that a man was threatening to take his own life. The man had a severe laceration on his right hand and told the officer that he may take his own life. As he was being obstructive and uncooperative the officer left the house to call for assistance. A short time later he and a supervisory officer entered the house and found him on the bed placing numerous tablets in his mouth. As damage had been caused to a drawer unit, he was cautioned and arrested on suspicion of criminal damage and handcuffed as a precautionary measure in case he became violent. On getting up from the bed he became drowsy and incoherent within seconds. An ambulance was summoned and whilst they were waiting for it to arrive, the man became unconscious. He was de-arrested and the handcuffs removed before the ambulance arrived. He was later taken to hospital where he was pronounced dead. A suicide note was recovered from the home of the deceased.
25 9 97	Metropolitan	Middlesex	24	M	White	1 Impact to abdomen causing internal injuries 2 Accidental death	Police came across a road traffic accident where the deceased had been knocked from his motorcycle. An ambulance was called and the deceased was conveyed to hospital. In the ambulance the deceased began to struggle; handcuffs were applied to prevent further injuries. The deceased underwent an emergency operation and died from his injuries three days later.
28 9 97	Greater Manchester	Tameside General Hospital	24	M	White	1 Asphyxiation due to hanging 2 Awaited	He was arrested at 1340 hrs on 28 September after his details had been circulated in connexion with a wounding on 24 September. During his detention he had three short interviews in the presence of a solicitor and was seen by a doctor in view of his heroin addiction. He was given medication and refreshment. At 2305 hrs he was found hanging from a ligature, made with the drawstring of his tracksuit trousers, which he had attached to the cell hatch. He was taken to hospital where he was pronounced dead at midnight.
18 10 97	West Mercia	College Road, Malvern	17	M	White	1 Multiple injuries 2 Awaited	The deceased had driven away at speed from a public house. The deceased then failed to stop when requested by patrolling police officer, lost control of his vehicle and crashed into a wall. A subsequent blood/alcohol test found that the deceased was above the drink drive limit.
20 10 97	Metropolitan	Central Middlesex Hospital	60	M	White	1a Coronary artery disease 1b Trimipramine toxicity 2 Accidental death	The deceased was arrested at his home at 0130 hrs for breach of the peace. The deceased who appeared to be in a drunken state was then taken to Acton police station and placed in a cell. He was then checked every half hour. At 0330 hrs he was found unconscious. An ambulance attended and paramedics attempted resuscitation. He was then taken to hospital where he was pronounced dead on arrival.

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25 10 97	Nottinghamshire	Worksop Police Station	24	M	White	1 Hanging 2 Open verdict	The deceased was arrested on suspicion of theft at 1035 hrs. He was taken to Worksop police station where he was interviewed and detained whilst awaiting a court appearance. The deceased, who was a heroin addict, was seen by police surgeon at 1319 hrs after showing signs of withdrawal. At 1400 hrs he was placed in the integral exercise yard. At 1414 hrs custody staff entered the exercise yard after seeing no signs of movement from the deceased when viewing the CCTV monitor covering this area. They discovered him hanging from his belt which was attached to the metal bars in the roof. Resuscitation was immediately attempted by custody staff and then by ambulance staff without success. The police surgeon pronounced death at 1451 hrs.
31 10 97	South Yorkshire	Barnsley District Hospital	33	M	White	1 Respiratory distress syndrome and bronchial pneumonia due to head injuries consistent with a fall 2 Misadventure	On 24 October, the deceased's GP called the police for assistance after he refused to go to hospital for treatment. The deceased was arrested on warrant for outstanding offences by the attendant police officers and taken direct to hospital. He was placed on a life support machine. He later died in hospital on 31 October.
7 11 97	Metropolitan	St Mary's Hospital, Paddington	42	M	Black	1a Broncho-pneumonia and emphysema 1b Intra-cerebral haemorrhage 2 Misadventure	The deceased was arrested on 24 September for a criminal offence. On arrival at the police station he appeared to be unwell. He was taken to hospital where he remained until he died on 7 November.
9 11 97	Northumbria	Royal Victoria Infirmary, Newcastle-upon-Tyne	28	M	White	1 Cocaine overdose 2 Awaited	The deceased was arrested at 1305 hrs on suspicion of burglary and detained at Gosforth police station. He was breathless and sweating profusely due to physical exertion. He requested a doctor 10 minutes after arrival. Some 15 minutes later, the deceased was found in his cell apparently having a fit. An ambulance was called and he was taken to hospital at 1414 hrs. He was pronounced dead at 1420 hrs.
15 11 97	Hampshire	Southampton Central Police Station	31	M	Asian	1a Asphyxia due to choking 1b Impaction of the glottis 2 Misadventure	The deceased was arrested at 1745 hrs for theft. He was detained by a member of the public resulting in a struggle in which his right ankle was fractured. He was taken to Hampshire Police HQ and placed in a cell. The deceased was checked at 0200 hrs and was seen sitting on the cell's bench. Checked again at 0230 hrs and was found in a collapsed state. Immediate help from a police surgeon and paramedics was unsuccessful.
29 11 97	Northumbria	River Derwent, Rowlands Gill, Gateshead	59	M	White	1 Drowning 2 Accidental death	Whilst being pursued by police, at 2340 hrs, the deceased drove his vehicle at high speed through a barrier and plunged 50 feet into the River Derwent, the vehicle ending up partially submerged. He was taken to hospital but was pronounced dead at 0140 hrs the following morning.

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29 11 97	West Midlands	Coventry & Warwickshire Hospital	42	M	Asian	1 Hypothermia 2 Accidental death	In response to a call at 0913 hrs, the deceased was found lying in the street. Officers attending believed the deceased to be intoxicated and he was taken to Stoney Stanton police station. On arrival, the custody officer directed that he be taken directly to hospital. He was removed to Coventry & Warwickshire Hospital at 0929 hrs. He was pronounced dead at 2037 hrs.
11 12 97	Devon & Cornwall	Torbay Hospital	26	M	White	1 Asphyxiation 2 Awaiting	The deceased was arrested at 1203 hrs for being drunk and disorderly and taken to Torquay police station. He was placed in a cell at 1220 hrs and subsequently visited regularly and roused on each occasion. A further visit was carried out at 1415 hrs and the officer had difficulty rousing him. An ambulance was called and officers attempted resuscitation whilst awaiting its arrival. He was removed to Torbay Hospital at 1447 hrs and was pronounced dead at 1510 hrs at the hospital.
13 12 97	Cumbria	Barrow-in-Furness Police Station	27	F	White	1 Hanging 2 Accidental death	The deceased was arrested at 0450 hrs following a complaint of criminal damage. The deceased was placed in detention at Barrow-in-Furness police station at 0515 hrs. He was found in cell with a cord from his jacket placed around the door knob of the cell hatch and tied around his neck. The time of death was estimated at between 0523 and 0613 hrs.
14 12 97	Staffordshire	Stafford General Hospital	34	M	White	1 Hanging 2 Awaiting	The deceased was arrested at 1414 hrs on suspicion of shoplifting. Whilst in custody awaiting enquiries he was placed in a cell. At 1925 hrs he was discovered by the custody officer hanging by a cord from a toilet flushing mechanism. The cord having been removed from his tracksuit bottom. The deceased was immediately taken to hospital where he died two days later without regaining consciousness.
25 12 97	South Wales	Cockett Police Station	16	M	White	1 Pressure on neck due to hanging 2 Awaiting	The deceased was arrested on suspicion of burglary and then detained at Cockett police station at 1745 hrs. He was placed in a detention room whilst awaiting a solicitor and his parents. After hearing shouts from the deceased's detention room officers found him hanging from what appeared to be the cord from his anorak to the tap on the wash basin.
28 12 97	Lancashire	Royal Lancaster Infirmary	24	M	White	1 Suspected self-strangulation 2 Awaiting	The deceased was detained at 1815 hrs at Lancaster police station after being arrested to prevent a breach of the peace. The deceased was then placed in a cell and visited at half-hourly intervals. The deceased was found at 2027 hrs with a ligature around his neck attached to the cell door. Police officers attempted resuscitation and he was taken to hospital. The deceased was placed on a ventilator but died on 28 December.
31 12 97	South Yorkshire	Northern General Hospital, Sheffield	48	M	White	1 Acute alcohol intoxication 2 Misadventure	The deceased was found drunk at 1155 hrs lying on the pavement and, whilst awaiting police transport, the arresting officer left the scene to attend another incident. On return, two paramedics and an ambulance were in attendance. The deceased became abusive and refused to be carried by the ambulance. A short time later the police van arrived and the deceased was placed in it and taken to Bridge Street police station. On arrival, the escorting officers became concerned over the deceased's condition and conveyed him directly to hospital. He was admitted to hospital at 1225 hrs and subsequently died at 1246 hrs.
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15 1 98	Sussex	Private Address, St Leonard-on-Sea	39	M	White	1 Gunshot wound to chest 2 Awaiting	Armed officers executed a search warrant on premises at 0422 hrs for controlled drugs and associated paraphernalia. Upon entry, an armed officer discharged his weapon, resulting in fatal injury to the occupant.
22 1 98	Avon & Somerset	Kings College Hospital, London	32	M	White	1 Liver necrosis failure due to Paracetamol overdose 2 Accidental death whilst balance of mind disturbed	The deceased was arrested and detained at Central police station Bristol on 17 January for breach of bail conditions. He complained of feeling unwell and was seen by a police surgeon. The deceased informed the police surgeon that he had taken 90 Paracetamol tablets 32 hrs before his detention. The police surgeon directed that he be taken to Bristol Royal Infirmary. The deceased was later transferred to Kings College Hospital where he died.
23 1 98	Metropolitan	St Mary's Hospital	39	M	White	1a Ischaemic heart disease 1b Coronary artery disease 2 Natural causes	The deceased was arrested on 22 January for ABH and criminal damage. He was taken to Marylebone police station and placed in cell. The deceased was seen twice by the FME who said that he was fit to be detained. The deceased collapsed in the cell whilst being given a glass of water. An ambulance was called and the deceased was taken to hospital where he was pronounced dead.
29 1 98	Hampshire	Portsmouth Central Police Station	58	M	White	1 Broncho-pneumonia complicated by alcohol 2 Awaiting	The deceased was arrested at 1825 hrs after being found drunk and incapable. He was taken to Portsmouth Central police station and was placed in a cell at 1900 hrs. Regular checks were then made throughout the night where the deceased was roused and verbally responded. At 0550 hrs officers found the deceased collapsed in his cell. An ambulance arrived at 0605 but he was pronounced dead at 0630 hrs.
7 2 98	Greater Manchester	Central Detention Centre, Manchester	28	M	White	1 Suspected hanging 2 Killed himself	The deceased was arrested at 2110 hrs on the 7 February near the scene of a burglary in possession of property from the premises. He was taken to Central Detention Centre and placed a cell. The following day at 1645 hrs the deceased was found hanging on the inside of the cell door. On the outside of the door through the open cell door hatch. Attempts by staff and paramedics failed to revive him.
19 2 98	Leicestershire	School Premises, Market Harborough	55-60	M	White	1 Hanging 2 Awaiting	Police officers attended a local school to arrest the deceased for suspicion of alleged indecency. The deceased attempted to escape by running away into adjacent farmland. Police immediately searched the area. His body was discovered hanging from a tree about a half-mile from school premises.
24 2 98	West Midlands	City Road Hospital	53	M	White	1 Ischaemic heart disease 2 Misadventure	The deceased was arrested in Colmore Road for breach of the peace and was taken to Steelehouse Lane police station. Due to his mental condition he was seen by a police surgeon and sent to Dudley Road Hospital. He was then sent to Highcroft Psychiatric Hospital where he appeared to have a heart attack. He was returned to Dudley Road Hospital where he later died.

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26 2 98	Bedfordshire	Private Address, Bedford	31	M	White	1 Gunshot wound to chest 2 Awaiting	The police responded to a call to a private address following a report of suspected intruder. Two officers attended the scene and one was allegedly threatened by the deceased, who pointed at the officer what appeared to be a hand gun. Both officers were unarmed and retreated from the scene. A full firearms team were deployed. The deceased was later shot and fatally wounded.
13 3 98	Cleveland	Redcar	28	M	White	1 Drowning 2 Awaiting	The deceased was arrested for aggravated burglary. He was committed under Section 2 of the Mental Health Act 1983 but escaped from custody during transfer from the police station to hospital. He ran into the North Sea and drowned.
14 3 98	Devon & Cornwall	Western Road, Ivybridge	53	M	White	1a Ischaemic heart disease 1b Coronary artery stenosis 1c Atgeroma-natural causes 2 Awaiting	The deceased was asked to provide a specimen of breath for a breath test. After doing so, the deceased collapsed. First aid was administered by police and ambulance staff but the deceased failed to recover and died at the scene.
15 3 98	Metropolitan	University College Hospital	49	M	White	1 Fractured left femur consistent with a simple fall 2 Awaiting	The deceased was arrested for being drunk and incapable and taken to Holborn police station. He was placed in a cell and after complaining of pains in hips he was examined by the doctor who advised that he be taken to hospital. The deceased was taken to hospital by the ambulance where he was detained and subsequently died.
17 3 98	Metropolitan	Hackney	61	M	Asian	1 Fractured skull 2 Accidental death	On 15 March, the deceased was found lying in the road and arrested for being drunk. He was taken to the police station where he was examined by a police surgeon who said that he been drinking and that the deceased should be taken to hospital. There he was detained with a suspected fractured skull and later died on the 17 March.
18 3 98	Nottinghamshire	Oxclose Lane Police Station	43	M	White	1 Hanging 2 Awaiting	The deceased was arrested at 1635 hrs in Nottingham Prison for possession of drugs with intent to supply. He was taken to Arnold Divisional HQ and transferred to Oxclose Lane police station where he was placed in a cell at 1705 hrs. When visited at 1940 hrs the deceased was found to be suspended by a cord tied around his neck and looped through the cell door hatch. He was pronounced dead by the police surgeon at 2030 hrs.
22 3 98	Dorset	Bournemouth Police Station	45	M	White	1a Heart and respiratory failure 1b Acute alcohol poisoning 2 Accidental death	The deceased was arrested for being drunk and incapable. He was taken to Bournemouth police station and placed in cell at 1935 hrs. Regular visits and rousing of the deceased continued until 0100 hrs. Thereafter, visits were carried out on a half-hourly basis. He was found dead in his cell at 0630 hrs.

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