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If our policies to tackle illegal drugs are working, why are we talking about it?

... scrub that!

Why are we not talking about it?
Durham’s Most Wanted
Age-standardised mortality rates for selected substances, deaths registered 1993 to 2016

Rate per million in England and Wales

- Heroin and/or morphine
- Benzodiazepines
- Cocaine
- Amphetamines
- New psychoactive substances

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Victorian Medical Treatments
It’s the real thing!
I am like any other man. All I do is supply a demand.

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Supervised injectable heroin or injectable methadone versus optimised oral methadone as treatment for chronic heroin addicts in England after persistent failure in orthodox treatment (RIOTT): a randomised trial

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Summary

Background
Some heroin addicts persistently fail to benefit from conventional treatments. We aimed to compare the effectiveness of supervised injectable treatment with medicinal heroin (diacetylmorphine or diacetylmorphine) or supervised injectable methadone versus optimised oral methadone for chronic heroin addiction.

Methods
In this multisite, open-label, randomised controlled trial, we enrolled chronic heroin addicts who were receiving conventional oral treatment (as needed), but continued to inject street heroin or partly inject heroin (at least 25% of days). In addition to a 3-monthly randomised trial by
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