

ERRATUM

A comparison of suicide rates between older adults in Ireland and the UK: 1975–2005

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Due to a transposition error in the above article the raw numbers for the suicide rate in Ireland were inadvertently graphed against the rate per 100,000 in the United Kingdom. Therefore the tables and graphs shown are incorrect and the Irish trend has been replotted (Fig. 1). As can be

seen from the amended figure, the greatest proportion of the rise occurred between 1975 and 2005 and declines thereafter but the further trend is not yet apparent. Perhaps the increase has peaked and the UK and Irish trends will continue to converge. The authors acknowledge and regret the error and have sought to identify it and correct it at the first opportunity.

Table 1

Ireland						UK					
Males 65+			Females 65+			Males 65+			Females 65+		
Both sexes 65+											
1975	6.4		1975	2.6		1975	22		1975	14.9	
1980	9.8		1980	4.5		1980	24.8		1980	16.5	
1985	16		1985	5.1		1985	24.6		1985	15.3	
1990	16.7		1990	4.9		1990	21.7		1990	9.6	
1995	22.1		1995	2.5		1995	16.8		1995	6.9	
2000	12		2000	5.8		2000	15.8		2000	6	
2005	10.4		2005	4.3		2005	13.6		2005	4.8	

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Fig. 1