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GIRLS are fuelling a rise in alcohol **poisoning** among **teenagers.** The number of 15- and 16-year-old girls seeking medical help after a drinking session almost doubled between 1992 and 2012, a study found.

Intentional **poisoning** among adolescents also increased over the period with rates doubling among girls aged 16 to 17.

Overall there was a 27 per cent rise in **poisoning** over two decades, researchers at Nottingham university discovered.

They found those living in deprived areas were up to three times more likely to harm themselves than those in more affluent areas. The rise in alcohol **poisoning** could potentially be linked to cheaper, more readily available booze, they added.

Meanwhile, more than half of under-fours who died of unintentional drug **poisoning** from 2001 to 2013 had swallowed the heroin substitute methadone.

The findings of the second report appeared in the Archives of Disease in Childhood.

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