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Suicide and assisted suicide in Switzerland 2014

Increase in assisted suicides

Neuchâtel, 11.10.2016 (FSO) – In 2014, 742 cases of assisted suicide were reported, a 26% increase on the previous year and two-and-a-half times as many as in 2009. 94% of persons resorting to assisted suicide were aged over 55, the vast majority of whom were suffering from a serious, fatal illness. The figures for suicide without assisted suicide have been stable for several years: in 2014 1029 persons committed suicide. These are the latest findings of the Federal Statistical Office (FSO) from its second report on this subject.

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