

**Subject:** Request for information on the number of people in specific professions who have died from COVID-19 from March 2020 to October 2022.

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**Information requested:**

“1- Can you tell me how many teachers (within primary and secondary schools) have died from COVID-19 in Scotland from March 2020 till Oct 2022 ?

2- Can you tell me how many shop workers have died from COVID-19 in Scotland from March 2020 till Oct 2022 ?

3- Can you tell me how many police officers have died from COVID-19 in Scotland from March 2020 till oct 2022 ?

4- Can you tell me how many care home workers have died from COVID-19 in Scotland from March 2020 till Oct 2022 ?

If you also could separate any deaths registered by year and month that would be appreciated.”

**NRS Response:**

For questions 1-3, the figures for deaths involving COVID-19 of specified occupations, aged 20-64 and not retired, March 2020 to October 2022 have been updated as follows:

Teachers (SOC2010 codes 2314, 2315, 2319) 17 deaths

Shop Workers (SOC2010 codes 7111, 7112) 67 deaths

Police Officers (SOC2010 code 3312) 7 deaths

Care home worker – this information is unavailable and explained in the Annex to this letter

For question 4, National Records of Scotland (NRS) aims to provide information whenever possible, in this instance NRS is not able to calculate the information which has been requested. The reasons why we do not have the information are explained in the Annex to this letter.

**Annex - Reasons for not providing information**

National Records of Scotland (NRS) does not have the information

This is a formal notice under section 17(1) of FOISA that National Records of Scotland does not have the information which has been requested on numbers of care home workers who died from COVID-19 in Scotland from March 2020 till Oct 2022.

NRS does not have the information you have requested because no Standard Occupational Classification ([SOC2010](#)) code exists for the occupation of “care home worker”. There are some categories which may include care home workers but not all people from these categories work in care homes. For example, code 6145 covers care workers and home carers. This would include workers in care homes but also in other care settings so it is not possible to identify care home workers only.