

Subject: Request for data on number of deaths due to Muscular Dystrophy for past 15 years.

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Date responded: 2 August 2019

Information requested:

Request for data on numbers of deaths for which the underlying cause was Muscular Dystrophy, broken down in various ways for past 15 years.

NRS Response:

A copy of most of the information requested was provided in the required format (Microsoft Excel workbook).

Formal notice under section 17(1) of FOISA was provided that National Records of Scotland does not have information about how many deaths were “unexpected”. Descriptions of the causes of the 177 deaths that are counted in the tables in the attached workbook were checked and none included the word “unexpected” or something similar.

However, the Information Services Division of NHS National Services Scotland (<https://www.isdscotland.org/>) might be able to determine how many deaths were “unexpected” by using information from patients’ statistical records in conjunction with its copy of our data from the death registration system, but we do not know if it can: it would be for the requestor to approach ISD if they wish to request such information.