

**Subject:** Request for data on number of people in Scotland who died from Sudden Cardiac Death (SDC) between 2012-2017.

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**Information requested:**

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**NRS Response:**

A copy of the information requested is contained in the attached table. National Records of Scotland (NRS) records cause of death according to the International Statistical Classification of Diseases and Related Health Problems 10th Revision (ICD-10). There is no specific set of ICD-10 codes which identify sudden cardiac death. On the advice of our medical adviser, we have included deaths which were classified as being due to the following underlying causes:

I46.1 Sudden cardiac death, so described

I46.9 Cardiac arrest, unspecified

I47.2 Ventricular tachycardia

I49.0 Ventricular fibrillation and flutter

These may not identify all sudden cardiac deaths, but by including other cardiac codes, we would run the risk of including cardiac deaths which were not sudden. If data on deaths from a different set of causes is required, we would be happy to provide these once we receive the ICD-10 codes you wish to be included.