

Subject: Request for statistics regarding cause of death from 01 March 2020 to 19 June 2021.

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Date responded: 30 June 2021

Information requested:

You asked us:

- 1) “The number of deaths from 1 March 2020 to 19 June 2021 which have been labelled under U07.2 death code (monthly breakdown if possible).”
- 2) “Please provide numbers for flu deaths from 1 March 2020 to 19 June 2021 (monthly breakdown if possible)”
- 3) “The number of deaths in Scotland from 1 March 2020 to 19 June 2021 where there is no pre-existing health condition (monthly breakdown if possible)”

under the subject heading “COVID-19 Information”.

NRS Response:

- 1) For the number of deaths where code U07.2 was mentioned on the death certificate please see Table 12 in our monthly COVID-19 publication found here <https://www.nrscotland.gov.uk/files//statistics/covid19/covid-deaths-21-data-week-23.xlsx>. which outlines the number of deaths where this code was mentioned on the death certificate up to 31 May 2021. This table is updated on a monthly basis and so figures for June will be published on 14 July 2021. For a monthly breakdown of these figures please see the attached table.
- 2) Please find the following ad-hoc table for a weekly breakdown of deaths involving influenza between 2000 and 2021:
<https://www.nrscotland.gov.uk/files//statistics/covid19/weekly-deaths-involving-influenza-2000-2021.xlsx>. For monthly figures please sum accordingly.
- 3) For deaths where COVID-19 was the only cause of death (deaths with no pre-existing medical conditions) please see the ‘none’ category in figures 7 and 8 of the monthly publication <https://www.nrscotland.gov.uk/files/statistics/covid19/covid-deaths-21-data-week-23.xlsx> which outline deaths by month and age up to May 2021. The deaths in this category are where COVID-19 was the only cause of death on the death certificate or where any other conditions on the death certificate were a direct cause of COVID-19.

Most of the information you have requested is available from our website and we have provided you with direct links. Under section 25(1) of FOISA, we do not have to provide you with information if it is already reasonably accessible to you.