

**Subject:** Request for information on delay in publishing 2019 suicide data.

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**Date responded:** 25 September 2020

**Information requested:**

An explanation of why the 2019 suicide data is so late and why we will not have results for 2020 until June 2021

**NRS Response:**

We usually publish suicide data for the previous calendar year in June of the following year. It takes time to compile information on suicide deaths as these deaths are investigated by the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service (COPFS) and we have to wait till we receive further information from them to allow us to determine the cause of death .

This year there were delays in receiving the information we require from the COPFS and we were not able to publish the 2019 statistics in June. We have worked with colleagues in COPFS to resolve these delays and now plan to publish these statistics in November. More details on the reasons for the delay are available on this page of our website:

<https://www.nrscotland.gov.uk/statistics-and-data/future-publications/nrs-publication-schedule-changes>