

Subject: Request for information on the number of people who had died from Coronavirus only

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Date responded: 27 October 2020

Information requested:

The number of people who had died from Coronavirus only and not from another cause.

NRS Response:

This response relates only to the statistics on deaths where Coronavirus was mentioned on the death certificate as these are the statistics which National Records of Scotland has responsibility for. Statistics on deaths within 28 days of testing positive are produced by Public Health Scotland and they should be contacted with any questions on that measure at PHS.FOI@nhs.net.

Our latest report indicates that there had been 4,301 deaths registered by 11 of October where COVID-19 was mentioned on the death certificate. In 92% of these deaths (3,976 out of 4,301) COVID-19 was the underlying cause of death.

A copy of the report can be found on our website via the following link (see page 10) <https://www.nrscotland.gov.uk/files//statistics/covid19/covid-deaths-report-week-41.pdf>

For more information on what is meant by 'underlying cause of death' and how this is determined, refer to the following page on our website:

<https://www.nrscotland.gov.uk/statistics-and-data/statistics/statistics-by-theme/vital-events/deaths/deaths-background-information>

Under section 25(1) of FOISA, we do not have to provide information if it is already reasonably accessible.