

**Subject:** Request for information on deaths from COVID-19 to 1 November 2020

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**Date responded:** 27 November 2020

**Information requested:**

“As at 1st November 2020 you reported 4,649 deaths in Scotland where COVID-19 was 'mentioned' on the death certificate. Could you please tell me out of these 4,649 deaths, how many were there where COVID-19 was recorded on the death certificate as the 'primary cause' of death?”

**NRS Response:**

The standard terminology used is underlying cause of death rather than primary cause of death. As at 1 of November 2020 4,650 deaths had been registered where COVID-19 was mentioned on the death certificate. COVID-19 was the underlying cause of death in 4,290 cases.