

Subject: Request for statistics regarding COVID 19 vaccine.

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Information requested:

1. Total number of deaths from COVID 19 vaccine
2. Total number of deaths for all other vaccines since your records began or as far back as you can go.
3. Deaths on day 0,1 or 2 for COVID 19 vaccine.
4. Deaths on day 0,1 or 2 for all other vaccines since your records began or as far back as you can go.
5. Permenant Disabilities for COVID 19 vaccine.
6. Permenant Disabilities for all other vaccines since your records began or as far back as you can go.
7. Total hospitalisations for COVID 19 vaccine
8. Total hospitalisatins for all other vaccines since your records began or as far back as you can go.

NRS Response:

Answers to each numbered question are provided below.

1. All of the information you have requested is available from Table 12 in our monthly COVID19 tables <https://www.nrscotland.gov.uk/files//statistics/covid19/covid-deaths-21-data-week-45.xlsx>. Under section 25(1) of FOISA, we do not have to provide you with information if it is already reasonably accessible to you.

2. Between 1974 and 2020 (inclusive), there were 5 deaths where a doctor recorded an adverse effect of a vaccine (or other biological substance) on a death certificate. This statistic was produced by searching for codes from the International Classification of Disease (ICD) 10th, 9th and 8th editions. The 10th edition is used for 2000-2020, the 9th was used for 1979-1999 and the 8th was used for deaths from 1974-1978. We do not have digitised death data going back any further than this. The codes used were as follows.

10th Edition: Y58, Y59, A80.0, T88.0, T88.1

9th Edition: 978, 979, E94.8, E94.9

8th Edition: E933, E934, Y42

Links to different editions of ICD can be found below, where more information about these codes can be searched for.

ICD 10th Edition: <https://icd.who.int/browse10/2010/en>

ICD 9th Edition:

https://simba.isr.umich.edu/restricted/docs/Mortality/icd_09_codes.pdf

ICD 8th Edition:

https://www.stockholmbirthcohort.su.se/polopoly_fs/1.64032.1323680161!/menu/standard/file/Appendix_1_-_ICD_8_-_Original.pdf

3-8. While our aim is to provide information whenever possible, in this instance National Records of Scotland does not have the information you have requested. However, you may wish to contact Public Health Scotland at PHS.FOI@phs.scot who may be able to help you. The reasons why we do not have the information are explained in the Annex to this letter.

Annex - Reasons for not providing information

National Records of Scotland (NRS) does not have the information

This is a formal notice under section 17(1) of FOISA that National Records of Scotland does not have the information you have requested.

NRS does not have the information you have requested because we do not hold any information on vaccination status of the general population or the personal health records of individuals.