

Subject: Request for information relating to family history research.

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Information requested:

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NRS Response:

A trace has been carried out on the NHS Central Register (NHSCR) records.

NHSCR do not hold any electronic records for the person named, however they do hold digitised images of manual records from the Scottish Birth Register books. The manual records were superseded by the electric computer system in late 1987, early 1988.

The transcribed details are:

Surname and other names	Sex	Day/Month/Year of Birth
Smith, Mary D	F	22 - 6 41

Posting History:

Health Board Area	Date of registration
SDM	09/08/1943
SJA	29/05/1944
SHA	01/10/1945
LR	03/07/1948
LN	30/08/1960
MX	24/03/1962
LN	17/09/1970
LNJ	*

*no date for the LNJ Health Board area

Please find information on the codes and areas the above relate to for Scotland and England in the Annex of this letter.

Due to the format of the digitised images a printed copy cannot be provided as this would divulge records of individuals who are potentially alive and not related to the above. An exemption under section 38(1)(b) of FOISA (personal information) applies to the information of other living individuals because disclosing it would contravene the data protection principles in Article 5(1) of the General Data Protection Regulation and in section 34(1) of the Data Protection Act 2018. This exemption is not subject to the 'public interest test', so we are not required to consider if the public interest in disclosing the information outweighs the public interest in applying the exemption.

Some of the information requested for is available online. Registrations is free on the ScotlandsPeople website at <https://www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk/> . This will allow searches of the indexes for births, deaths and marriages.

For more details about the ScotlandsPeople service please click on this link <https://www.nrscotland.gov.uk/research/family-history>

Because Smith is a common surname we have carried out a search and found the following entry in the indexes for births on ScotlandsPeople:

SMITH	MARY DONELLA	F	1941	533/1 46	South Knapdale
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We are able to confirm that this person was born on 22 June 1941.

A certificate of this birth can be ordered through ScotlandsPeople.. Please follow this link to find out how to order a certificate:

<https://www.nrscotland.gov.uk/registration/how-to-order-an-official-extract-from-the-registers>

Under section 25(1) of FOISA, we do not have to provide you with information if it is already reasonably accessible by inspection or copying, even if a payment has to be made for it.

ANNEX

Three Letter Codes - allocated after 1939 – Scotland

National Register Code	Area	Cipher
SDM	Selkirk	B
SJA	Argyll	C
SHA	Lanark	L

Scottish Health Board Postings/Ciphers

Cipher	Health Board	Previous Ciphers (pre 1988)
B	Borders	LP, RS
C	Argyll & Clyde	AB, DN, RN
L	Lanark	LR

English-Welsh Codes

LN	Inner London
MX	Middlesex
LNJ	Kensington, Chelsea and Westminster