

Subject: Request for the recorded provisional excesses mortality date by age group that has been calculated for 2020.

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Date responded: 29 March 2021

Information requested:

“Under FOISA 2002 will the NRS provide all of the recorded provisional excess mortality date by age group that has been calculated by the NRS for the year of 2020? It is understood that this will be provisional data and could change with time.”

NRS Response:

The information required is included in the accompanying table. It should be noted that these figures are calculated by summing the weekly figures for the years in question. This will give a slightly different result than figures based on calendar years because the weeks at the beginning and end of a year can overlap with the previous and subsequent years. NRS does not plan to publish final figures for the calendar year 2020 until summer.

These figures were calculated using the following sources:

1) Please find the following table

<https://www.nrscotland.gov.uk/files//statistics/covid19/weekly-deaths-by-health-board-age-group-and-sex-2015-2019.xlsx> which outlines weekly deaths registered in 2015 to 2019 by age group and sex. Please find the ‘Grand Total’ column in the pivot table for a total breakdown of deaths by age group. These figures were divided by 5 to calculate the mean values for the period 2015-2019, for each age group.

2) Following this, please also see the figures in the ‘Year to Date’ column in Table 2 (2020) of the weekly covid-19 publication found here

<https://www.nrscotland.gov.uk/files//statistics/covid19/covid-deaths-21-data-week-09.xlsx> for the provisional total number of deaths registered in 2020 by age group. From these figures, the figures calculated from the first table were deducted to find the excess deaths by age group.