

Subject: Request for information on the number of deaths registered involving influenza.

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Information requested:

1. How many people died of "Influenza only" in Scotland? I don't want the number of people who have Covid mentioned on death certificate, but those that died from "Influenza only" from dates January 2019- April 2021.

2. How many people died of Influenza in Scotland from the years 2010- April 2021. I don't want the deaths with "Covid mentioned" and "only influenza deaths". Can you do this in annual form please.

NRS Response:

1. From January 2019 – 18th April 2021 there were 273 deaths registered involving influenza. There were 33 of these deaths that had no pre-existing conditions. The deaths in this category are where influenza was the only cause of death on the death certificate or where any other conditions on the death certificate were a direct cause of influenza. Please note this includes figures for deaths registered in 2020 and 2021 which remain provisional and subject to change.

2. Please find the following table

<https://www.nrscotland.gov.uk/files//statistics/covid19/weekly-deaths-involving-influenza-2000-2021.xlsx> for a breakdown of deaths involving influenza. Figures are available on both deaths involving influenza and deaths where influenza was the underlying cause of death. Please note that these figures are given as a weekly breakdown although summing the rows gives annual figures.

The information requested is available from the NRS website and we have provided a direct link. Under section 25(1) of FOISA, we do not have to provide you with information if it is already reasonably accessible to you.