

**Subject:** Review of request for information on Covid-19 deaths occurring in care homes.

**FOI reference:** 202100197200

**Date received:** 26 April 2021

**Date responded:** 24 May 2021

**Information requested:**

In your original request of 22 March 2021 you requested from us:

“The number of deaths where Covid-19 was mentioned on the death certificate, broken down by location of death for NHS facilities such as hospitals. This should include the specific facility, i.e. Edinburgh Royal Infirmary: 2 deaths, Western General: 2 deaths etc.”

In your review request of 26 April 2021 you told us:

“There is no evidence publication of this information would lead to any risk to health and safety to anyone linked with hospitals. The recent Crown Office publication of deaths in individual care homes clearly shows there is no risk in practice of releasing data I have requested. The public interest test is overwhelmingly in favour of disclosure even without this aspect given the nature of the pandemic and the need for transparency and accountability.”

**NRS Response:**

Outcome of review

The Scottish Information Commissioner has reviewed your similar request for information on COVID-19 deaths occurring in care homes, and decided that NRS is not entitled to withhold that information. In light of that decision, NRS will make data on COVID-19 deaths occurring in both care homes and NHS facilities available in line with your original Freedom of Information requests, and to the timeframe set out by the Scottish Information Commissioner. NRS intends to publish this information, with a target publication date of Wednesday the 26 of May.