

**Subject:** Request for information regarding a breakdown of deaths involving COVID-19 by pre-existing conditions and age for deaths that occurred in 2020.

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**Date responded:** 7 May 2021

**Information requested:**

1) I would like to make an FOI request to be given the total number of deaths attributed to Covid 19 in Scotland of individuals in 2020. Within that, please split out those who had no underlying health conditions or not considered to be obese.

2) Additionally, can you split these out by those under 40, 41-50, 51-60, 61-70, over 70 years old.

**NRS Response:**

1-2) Please find the information required in the accompanying table which includes a breakdown of deaths involving Covid-19 by pre-existing conditions and age for deaths that occurred in 2020.

Please note NRS does not have the information on whether someone was obese at the time of death as we only have information recorded on the death certificate by the certifying doctor. May I suggest contacting Public Health Scotland on [PHS.FOI@phs.scot](mailto:PHS.FOI@phs.scot) who may hold information related to this.

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

Alternatively, you may find interest in figures 9 and 10 of the monthly publication found here <https://www.nrscotland.gov.uk/files//statistics/covid19/covid-deaths-21-data-week-14.xlsx> which outline the main pre-existing conditions of deaths involving Covid-19 by month and age. Please see the 'none' category for deaths with no pre-existing conditions.