

Our ref: Fol/202000128867

Scott Alexander

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5 January 2021

Dear Mr. Alexander,

Request under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA)

Thank you for your request of 21 December 2020 under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA).

Your request

You asked “Can you please tell me the total number of deaths registered in Scotland annually for the period 2010 to 2020?”.

Response to your request

We publish a range of death statistics and so there are multiple data sources that may be of interest.

For annual figures please see our reference tables, specifically section 6 which can be found here [List of Data Tables | National Records of Scotland \(nrscotland.gov.uk\)](http://nrscotland.gov.uk/List-of-Data-Tables-National-Records-of-Scotland). May I direct you to table 6.01 which contains a breakdown of deaths by sex and cause between 2009 to 2019 <https://www.nrscotland.gov.uk/files//statistics/vital-events-ref-tables/2019/vital-events-19-ref-tabs-6.xlsx>.

Also the monthly [Monthly Data on Births and Deaths Registered in Scotland | National Records of Scotland \(nrscotland.gov.uk\)](http://nrscotland.gov.uk/Monthly-Data-on-Births-and-Deaths-Registered-in-Scotland) and weekly tables [Weekly Data on Births and Deaths Registered in Scotland | National Records of Scotland \(nrscotland.gov.uk\)](http://nrscotland.gov.uk/Weekly-Data-on-Births-and-Deaths-Registered-in-Scotland) which outline deaths registered in Scotland.

Under section 25(1) of FOISA, we do not have to provide you with information if it is already reasonably accessible to you.

Your right to request a review

If you are unhappy with this response to your FOI request, you may ask us to carry out an internal review of the response, by writing to:

Information Governance Team
National Records of Scotland
Ladywell House

Ladywell Road
Edinburgh
EH12 7TF
Email: foi@nrscotland.gov.uk

Your review request should explain why you are dissatisfied with this response, and should be made within 40 working days from the date when you received this letter. We will complete the review and tell you the result, within 20 working days from the date when we receive your review request.

If you are not satisfied with the result of the review, you then have the right to appeal to the Scottish Information Commissioner. More detailed information on your rights is available on the Commissioner's website at:
<http://www.itspublicknowledge.info/YourRights/Unhappywiththeresponse/AppealingtoCommissioner.aspx>

Yours sincerely,

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