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Dear Derek McLachlan,

REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (SCOTLAND) ACT 2002 (FOISA)

Thank you for your request dated 11 February 2021 under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA).

Your request

You asked for the total deaths in Scotland for each category of death (e.g. dementia, stroke etc) in 2020.

Response to your request

While our aim is to provide information whenever possible, in this instance the Scottish Government does not have some of the information you have requested. The reason is that the Scottish Government is not responsible for publishing this data. This is a formal notice under section 17(1) of FOISA that the Scottish Government does not have the information you have requested.

However, some of the information requested is available from National Records Scotland (NRS). You can download data on deaths from <https://www.nrscotland.gov.uk/statistics-and-data/statistics/statistics-by-theme/vital-events/general-publications/weekly-and-monthly-data-on-births-and-deaths/monthly-data-on-births-and-deaths-registered-in-Scotland>. Table 5 might be of interest for

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you.

Furthermore, you can find the number of excess deaths by underlying cause clicking on "Data and Charts" on: [Deaths involving coronavirus \(COVID-19\) in Scotland | National Records of Scotland \(nrscotland.gov.uk\)](https://www.nrscotland.gov.uk). Table 3 (2020) and Table 3 (2021) might be of interest for you.

Finally, more detailed information on deaths by cause is available for years 2009 to 2019 (Table 6.01, available for download at: <https://www.nrscotland.gov.uk/statistics-and-data/statistics/statistics-by-theme/vital-events/general-publications/vital-events-reference-tables/2019/list-of-data-tables#section6>).

Under section 25(1) of FOISA, we do not have to give you information which is already reasonably accessible to you.

If you wish, you can contact National Records of Scotland (NRS) at foi@nrscotland.gov.uk, which might be able to help.

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 Richard Foggo, Director General Health and Social care (covid-19.director@gov.scot). 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 in accordance with FOISA as soon as possible, and not later than 20 working days from the day following the date 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 appeal rights is available on the Commissioner's website at:
<http://www.itpublicknowledge.info/YourRights/Unhappywiththeresponse/AppealingtoCommissioner.asp>

Yours sincerely

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