

Scott

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30 June 2021

Dear Scott,

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

Thank you for your request of 24 June 2021 under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA).

Your request

You asked in your correspondence for 'the total amount of burials and cremations in total by years starting from Jan 01/2020 until May 31/2021'.

Response to your request

We are writing regarding your request dated 24 June 2021 for information about the number of burials and cremations from 01 January 2020 until 31 May 2021.

A request is not valid if it does not, in accordance with section 8(1)(b) of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA), state the name of the applicant and an address for correspondence. As your request provides only your first name we do not consider it to be a valid request. Accordingly, we are not obliged to respond to it.

If you provide your name (a surname and title, eg Mr or Ms, is sufficient) we would be able to consider your request and respond in accordance with FOISA. If you need any further advice and assistance to submit a valid request, please contact us. You may also find it helpful to look at the answer to the question "Do I have to provide my real name and my full address when I ask for information?" on the Scottish Information Commissioner's website at:

<http://www.itspublicknowledge.info/FAQ/GeneralFAQ/InformationRequestFAQ.aspx#name>.

However in this instance we are able to advise that, while our aim is to provide information whenever possible, in this instance National Records of Scotland (NRS) does not have the information you have requested. We publish death statistics for Scotland based on the information supplied when a death is registered.

Unfortunately, we do not hold information about burial or cremation, as this is not supplied during the registration of a death.

You may wish to contact the Cremation Society of Great Britain who record the number of cremations across the whole of the UK each year, broken down by crematorium. More information can be found on the statistics page on their [website](#).

This is a formal notice under section 17(1) of FOISA that NRS does not have the information you have requested.

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,

NRS FOI Team