



By email

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Dear John King,

Re: Number of deaths in England within 28 days of receiving coronavirus vaccine

Thank you for your request received on 27 July 2021 addressed to Public Health England (PHE). In accordance with Section 1(1)(a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the Act), I can confirm that PHE does not hold the information you have specified.

Request

Please provide information on the total number of deaths that have occurred in England in the first 6 months of 2021 (January to June 2021 inclusive) of those dying within 28 days of receiving a coronavirus vaccine

Response

PHE can confirm that it does not hold the information you have specified.

PHE does not monitor non-COVID-19 deaths within 28 days of having a vaccine. Under Section 16 of the Act, public authorities have a duty to provide advice and assistance. Accordingly, you may wish to contact the Office for National Statistics (ONS), which is responsible for the registration of death certificates within England and Wales or the Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA), which is responsible for ensuring the safety, quality and effectiveness of medicines, medical devices and blood components for the transfusion in the United Kingdom.

The ONS also publish mortality statistics, including those relating to the COVID-19 pandemic. You may be interested in the ONS Monthly Mortality analysis, specifically 'Table 12: Number of deaths with ICD-10 codes related to COVID-19 mentioned on the death certificate, by ICD-10 code, deaths registered in March 2020 to May 2021, England and Wales'. This table includes 'COVID-19 vaccines causing adverse effects in therapeutic use, unspecified'. You can access this data at:

<https://www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepopulationandcommunity/birthsdeathsandmarriages/deaths/datasets/monthlymortalityanalysisenglandandwales>

Should you wish to submit further enquiries or freedom of information requests pertaining to the above data, the ONS FOI team will be able to assist you further. You can contact the ONS FOI team at: foi.team@ons.gov.uk

If you have any queries regarding the information that has been supplied to you, please refer your query to me in writing in the first instance. If you remain dissatisfied and would like to request an internal review, then please contact us at the address above or by emailing foi@phe.gov.uk.

Please note that you have the right to an independent review by the Information Commissioner's Office if a complaint cannot be resolved through the PHE complaints procedure. The Information Commissioner's Office can be contacted by calling the ICO's helpline on 0303 123 1113, visiting the ICO's website at www.ico.org.uk or writing to the ICO at Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely
FOI Team