



# Department of Health & Social Care

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Dear Mr Atkins,

## Freedom of Information Request Reference FOI-1281805

Thank you for your request dated 13 December, in which you asked the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC):

*"Dear Department of Health and Social Care,*

*I am writing to you today to make a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.*

*I would like my below question(s) to be answered with any supporting documents sent with your response where possible:*

- 1 - Since the first confirmed case of coronavirus in the UK, how many children under the age of the 18 have tested positive for coronavirus?*
- 2 - Of those children who have tested positive, how many have been admitted to hospital?*
- 3 - Of those children who have been admitted to hospital, how many were taken to an intensive care ward and/or put on a ventilator?*
- 4 - Of those children who have tested positive, how many have passed away with coronavirus printed on their death certificate?*
- 5 - Of those children who have been admitted to hospital, how many were classed as clinically extremely vulnerable?*
- 6 - Of those children who have been admitted to an intensive care ward and/or put on a ventilator, how many were classed as clinically extremely vulnerable?*
- 7 - Of those children who have passed away, how many were classed as clinically extremely vulnerable?*
- 8 - Of those children who have tested positive for coronavirus, how many or what percentage have experienced or are experiencing 'long covid'?*
- 9 - Of those children who have tested positive for coronavirus, what percentage of those have tested positive since September?*

*I look forward to receiving your response to my request for information.*

*Yours faithfully,  
Mr Robert Atkins."*

Your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

The Department holds information relevant to question 1, 2, 4 and 9 of your request.

However, as the information held is in the public domain we will, under Section 21 of the FOIA (information accessible to the applicant by other means), refer you to the published sources.

The data of positive test broken down in to age groups can be found here:

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/950262/Demographic LA tables w31.ods](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/950262/Demographic_LA_tables_w31.ods)

The Covid-19 statistical reports broken down by country can be found via the following links.

England: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/nhs-test-and-trace-england-statistics-24-december-to-30-december>

Scotland: <https://beta.isdscotland.org/find-publications-and-data/population-health/covid-19/covid-19-statistical-report/releases>

Wales: <https://public.tableau.com/profile/public.health.wales.health.protection#!/vizhome/RapidCOVID-19virology-Public/Headlinesummary>

Northern Ireland: <https://www.health-ni.gov.uk/articles/covid-19-daily-dashboard-updates>

The statistics relating to the number of children who have tested positive and admitted to hospital can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/nhs-test-and-trace-statistics-england-weekly-reports>

Information relating to COVID-19 death registrations is broken down by age and can be found here:

<https://www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepopulationandcommunity/birthsdeathsandmarriages/deaths/bulletins/deathsregisteredweeklyinenglandandwalesprovisional/latest>

With regards to question 3, 5, 6, 7 and 8 of your request, I can confirm that the Department does not hold this information. This is because we are not the appropriate authority to contact regarding this matter.

However, you may wish to contact NHS England or NHS Digital who may who information relevant to your request. They can be contacted via the following details.

NHS England  
PO Box 16738  
Redditch  
B97 9PT

Email: [England.contactus@nhs.net](mailto:England.contactus@nhs.net)

NHS Digital  
Email: [enquiries@nhsdigital.nhs.uk](mailto:enquiries@nhsdigital.nhs.uk)

If you are not satisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to appeal by asking for an internal review. This should be submitted within two months of the date of this letter and sent to [FreedomOfInformation@dhsc.gov.uk](mailto:FreedomOfInformation@dhsc.gov.uk), or to the address at the top of this letter.

Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communication.

If you are not content with the outcome of your internal review, you may complain directly to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO). Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have already appealed our original response and received our internal review decision. You should raise your concerns with the ICO within three months of your last meaningful contact with us.

The ICO can be contacted at:

The Information Commissioner's Office

Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
Cheshire  
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Yours sincerely,

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