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Lee Odams

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26 January 2021

Dear Lee Odams,

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

Thank you for your request of 11 of January 2021 which we are handling under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA).

#### Your request

You asked “ Please can you provide me with coronavirus deaths recorded during this current pandemic recorded in Scotland by job sector, profession. I would like this listed in a flow chart on excel if possible. Date range 09th march 2020 to 10th January 2021.”

#### Response to your request

The information you have requested is available from page 23 of this report <https://www.nrscotland.gov.uk/files//statistics/covid19/covid-deaths-21-report-week-02.pdf> and table 10 of the accompanying spreadsheet <https://www.nrscotland.gov.uk/files//statistics/covid19/covid-deaths-21-data-week-02.xlsx> which outlines deaths from March 2020 to December 2020.

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

Please note the figures for January are not yet available. Because we intend to publish the figures on 17 February 2021 an exemption applies under section 27(1) (information intended for future publication) of FOISA. The reasons why this exemption applies are explained in the annex to this letter.

#### 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](mailto: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,

Lucy Pilkington  
Assistant Statistician

## **Annex - Reasons for not providing information**

### **Section 27(1) – information intended for future publication**

An exemption under section 27(1) of FOISA applies to some of the information requested, the figures for January 2021, because we intend to make this information publically available on 17 February 2021, and these dates fall within 12 weeks of the date of your request. We consider that it is reasonable to withhold the information until these dates, rather than release the information before the planned publication dates.

This exemption is subject to the ‘public interest test’. Therefore, taking account of all the circumstances, we have considered if the public interest in disclosing the information outweighs the public interest in applying the exemption. We have found that, on balance, the public interest lies in favour of upholding the exemption. We recognise that there is a public interest in release and this will be met by our planned public release.