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Mrs. Laing

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18 January 2021

Dear Mrs. Laing,

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

Thank you for your request dated 13 January 2021 under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA).

#### Your request

You asked us: "I would like to know how many covid 19 ONLY deaths have been registered in 2020, in Scotland. NOT covid 19 related deaths."

#### Response to your request

In our weekly Covid-19 statistics publication, we provide figures on both the number of deaths where Covid-19 was mentioned on the death certificate (either as the underlying cause or as a contributory factor) and on deaths where Covid-19 was the underlying cause of death. For this reason, the information you require for deaths where Covid-19 was the underlying cause of death is available from **Table 3 (2021) and Table 3 (2020)** in the weekly publication [Deaths involving coronavirus \(COVID-19\) in Scotland | National Records of Scotland \(nrscotland.gov.uk\)](https://www.nrscotland.gov.uk/files//statistics/covid19/covid-19-in-scotland-national-records-of-scotland-nrscotland.gov.uk) the most recent of which can be found here <https://www.nrscotland.gov.uk/files//statistics/covid19/covid-deaths-21-data-week-01.xlsx>. May I direct you specifically to the 'COVID-19' row under the 'Registered deaths: 2021' and 'Registered deaths: 2020' sub-categories for the weekly figures that you require.

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

#### 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,

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