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Our Reference: 202100138952
Your Reference: Freedom of Information request - Seasonal Flu deaths 2019 - 2020 figures

8 February 2021

Dear Derek Reid,

REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (SCOTLAND) ACT 2002 (FOISA)

Thank you for your request dated 17 January under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA).

Your request

You asked for total seasonal flu deaths for the year 2019, total seasonal flu deaths for the year 2020, total cancer deaths for the year 2019, total cancer deaths for the year 2020, total deaths for the year 2019, total deaths for the year 2020, for all regions of Scotland.

Response to your request

The information you have requested is available from National Records of Scotland (NRS). Table 5 Deaths in Scotland by month of registration and cause of death, 2000 to 2020 (<https://www.nrscotland.gov.uk/files//statistics/weekly-monthly-births-deaths-data/2020/dec/monthly-december-20-tab-5.xlsx>) published on 20 January contains Total and cancer deaths for the years 2019 and 2020. This can also be accessed from the following link: <https://www.nrscotland.gov.uk/statistics-and-data/statistics/statistics-by-theme/vital-events/general-publications/weekly-and-monthly-data-on-births-and-deaths/monthly-data-on-births-and-deaths-registered-in-scotland>

Total seasonal flu deaths for the years 2019 and 2020 is published in Weekly deaths involving

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influenza, 2000 - 2021, latest available data from 3 February 2021 (<https://www.nrscotland.gov.uk/files//statistics/covid19/weekly-deaths-involving-influenza-2000-2021.xlsx>). This can also be accessed on the Related Statistics page on the NRS website (<https://www.nrscotland.gov.uk/statistics-and-data/statistics/statistics-by-theme/vital-events/general-publications/weekly-and-monthly-data-on-births-and-deaths/deaths-involving-coronavirus-covid-19-in-scotland/related-statistics>).

Under section 25(1) of FOISA, we do not have to give you information which is already reasonably accessible to you. If, however, you do not have internet access to obtain this information from the website(s) listed, then please contact me again and I will send you a paper copy.

You may wish to contact National Records of Scotland directly at statisticscustomerservices@nrscotland.gov.uk who may be able to help you further.

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 Richard Foggo, Director of the COVID Public Health Directorate at Richard.Foggo@gov.scot. 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 in accordance with FOISA as soon as possible, and not later than 20 working days from the day following the date 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 appeal rights is available on the Commissioner's website at: <http://www.itspublicknowledge.info/YourRights/Unhappywiththeresponse/AppealingtoCommissioner.aspx>.

Yours sincerely

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