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Our Reference: 202100218735
Your Reference: COVID-19 total deaths

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Dear Derek Reid,

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

Thank you for your request dated 18 June under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA).

Your request

You asked for the total number of deaths from solely Covid-19 where there are no whatsoever underlying health conditions, for the current year of 2021, total number to date and number for each month up to June 2021

Response to your request

All the information you have requested is available from National Records Scotland (NRS). NRS publish data on deaths involving Covid-19 on a weekly and monthly basis. Data on deaths where Covid-19 was the only cause of death (deaths with no pre-existing medical conditions) are published on the monthly report. The last monthly report was published on 14 July 2021 and you can download the data here: <https://www.nrscotland.gov.uk/files//statistics/covid19/covid-deaths-21-data-week-27.xlsx>. You can find these deaths, broken down by month, by seeing the 'none' category in Figure 7. The deaths in this category are where Covid-19 was the only cause of death on the death certificate or where subsequent conditions were caused by Covid-19. Data in this report covers months between March 2020 and 30 June 2021.

For more context, you can read more about this data on page 11 of the report itself, available here: <https://www.nrscotland.gov.uk/files//statistics/covid19/covid-deaths-21-report-week-27.pdf>.

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Under section 25(1) of FOISA, we do not have to give you information which 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 Richard Foggo, Director, Covid Public Health (covid-19.director@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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