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Dear Requester

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: 2021-665337

We acknowledge your request for the following information:

- 1. The numbers of staff on the payroll, and whether they had an influenza vaccine in 2019 and 2020.*
- 2. The numbers of elected members of the Scottish Parliament, and whether they had an influenza vaccine in 2019 and 2020.*
- 3. The information for the same groups in 1. and 2. that have received one and two doses of a COVID-19 vaccine.*
- 4. If the Scottish Parliament requires staff and members to inform the Parliamentary authorities of covid tests and the details of the policy of requiring staff and elected members to take PCR tests.*

Your request was received on 7 September 2021 and has been handled in accordance with the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOI(S)A).

In response to parts 1 to 3 of your request the Scottish Parliament does not hold information about the numbers of Parliamentary staff and MSPs who have been vaccinated against influenza and Covid 19 as we have no business need to collect or collate this information.

In line with the technical requirements of FOI(S)A we have provided a notice advising that the information you have requested is not held by the Scottish Parliament.

In response to part 4, the Scottish Parliament does not require any passholder or visitor to take LFD or PCR tests, although taking LFD tests before coming to Holyrood is strongly encouraged. If a person becomes ill with virus-like symptoms we expect them to follow current advice from NHS Inform regarding

testing and self-isolation and to let their line manager know that they are unable to work due to illness as per our normal procedures.

In keeping with our FOI procedures, this information may also be posted on the Parliament's disclosure log (usually within 24 hours). For further details on the Parliament's Disclosure Log and the information released under FOI, visit:

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We would welcome feedback or comment on how we handled your request.

Please feel free to contact the Head of Information Governance at

foi.officer@parliament.scot

Please find below Annex A, which explains how we handle FOI requests and reviews.

We are currently working remotely and so would ask you to contact us by email at foi.officer@parliament.scot

Yours sincerely,

Robin Davidson
Information Compliance Officer

REQUESTS MADE UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (SCOTLAND) ACT 2002

How we handle FOI requests

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<https://www.parliament.scot/about/information-rights/requesting-information>

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<https://www.parliament.scot/contact-us>

Review

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Post: Head of Information Governance
The Scottish Parliament
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Telephone: 0131 348 6913

We welcome calls using the Text Relay service or in British Sign Language through [contactSCOTLAND-BSL](#).

E-mail: foi.officer@parliament.scot

Application to the Scottish Information Commissioner

If, on the outcome of any review, you are still dissatisfied, or if we are unable to resolve any other complaint, then you can contact the Scottish Information Commissioner:

Post: The Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner
Kinburn Castle
Doubledykes Road
St Andrews
Fife
KY16 9DS

Email: www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal

Telephone: 01334 464610

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Website: www.itspublicknowledge.info

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Complaints

If you are dissatisfied with the way in which we dealt with your enquiry, then you may wish to raise the matter with Public Information and Resources.

How to contact us

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