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Dear K Stuart,

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

Thank you for your request dated 6th January 2021 under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA).

### Your request

You asked for:

*Can you tell me if any Scottish parliament politician and government civil servants have received a covid vaccination? If they have, I would like the numbers in the following categories No. of civil servants No. of politicians broken down by political party*

### Response to your request

While our aim is to provide information whenever possible, in this instance the Scottish Government does not have the information you have requested.

The reason we don't have this information is because vaccination is the responsibility of NHS Scotland and under the General Data Protection Regulations (and UK equivalents) citizens' health data is a protected category. See link to the Information Commissioner's Guidance for more information:

<https://ico.org.uk/for-organisations/guide-to-data-protection/guide-to-the-general-data-protection-regulation-gdpr/special-category-data/what-is-special-category-data/#scd5>


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## 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 the Director of Population Health, Richard Foggo, St Andrews House, Regent Road, Edinburgh, EH1 3DG, 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 15 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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