DIRECTORATE FOR COVID PUBLIC HEALTH

COVID: Community Surveillance



K Stuart request-716309-abce05fb@whatdotheyknow.com

Our Reference: 202100133130

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1 February 2021

Dear K Stuart.

I have now completed my review of our response to your request under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA) for 06 January 2021.

You asked:

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.

I have been asked to look at your request afresh, to decide whether the original response should be confirmed, with or without modifications, as appropriate, or that a fresh decision should be substituted. I can confirm that I was not involved in the handling or decision-making around the original response.

I have concluded that the original decision should be confirmed, without modifications and that your request was correctly handled in accordance with our procedures and legislative requirements.

In conducting my review I have re-examined the information held on our electronic information management systems and having done so, I am satisfied that the information provided in our response to you on 22 January 2021 is correct. As explained in the original response, NHS Scotland is responsible for the Scottish vaccination programme. Data held by NHS Scotland is subject to the requirements of the General Data Protection Regulations (and UK equivalents) under which citizens' health data is a protected category.

Scottish Ministers, special advisers and the Permanent Secretary are covered by the terms of the Lobbying (Scotland) Act 2016. See www.lobbying.scot







This is a formal notice under section 17(1) of FOISA that the Scottish Government does not have the information you have requested. However, you may wish to contact NHS Scotland at <u>Freedom of Information NHS National Services Scotland (nhsnss.org)</u> who may be able to help you.

If you are unhappy with the outcome of this review you have the right to appeal to the Scottish Information Commissioner about our decision within 6 months of receiving this letter. Information on how to make an appeal, along with an application form, is available on the Commissioner's website at:

https://www.itspublicknowledge.info/YourRights/Unhappywiththeresponse/AppealingtoCommissioner.as

You can also contact the Commissioner:

The Scottish Information Commissioner Kinburn Castle Doubledykes Road St Andrews Fife KY16 9DS

Yours sincerely

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