



By email

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Dear David Brown,

Re: Shielding and COVID-19 Deaths.

Thank you for your email dated 29 October 2020. In accordance with Section 1(1)(a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the Act), I can confirm that Public Health England (PHE) does hold some of the information you have specified.

How many people in England have died between August 1st 2020 and 30th October 2020 as a result of COVID 19?

PHE can confirm it does hold this information. However, the information is exempt under section 21 of the FOI Act because it is reasonably accessible by other means, and the terms of the exemption mean that we do not have to consider whether or not it would be in the public interest for you to have the information. However for your convenience we have included the following link:

<https://coronavirus.data.gov.uk/details/deaths>

How many people who were previously advised to shield have died between August 1st 2020 and 30th October 2020?

PHE does not hold information on deaths by pre-existing conditions. Under Section 16 of the Act, public authorities have a duty to provide advice and assistance. Accordingly, you may wish to contact NHS England or the Office of National Statistics (ONS) for further information at the below links:

NHS England:

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/contact-us/foi/>

ONS:

<https://www.ons.gov.uk/aboutus/transparencyandgovernance/freedomofinformationfoi>

If you have any queries regarding the information that has been supplied to you, please refer your query to in writing in the first instance. If you remain dissatisfied and would like to request an internal review, then please contact us at the address above or by emailing foi@phe.gov.uk.

Please note that you have the right to an independent review by the Information Commissioner's Office if a complaint cannot be resolved through the PHE

complaints procedure. The Information Commissioner's Office can be contacted by writing to Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely,

FOI Team