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Date: 20 November 2020
Your Ref:
Our Ref: MM/HC FOI Ref 8840
Please quote reference number on all correspondence

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Dear Mr Matchett

**Freedom of Information Act Request Ref: 8840
Care Homes and Deaths**

With reference to your Freedom of Information request dated 5 October 2020 regarding the above, please accept my apologies for the delay in responding to you.

Please find below your questions and our responses:-

1. From the date March 16, 2020 to provide a breakdown of the number of confirmed Covid-19 deaths in Scotland/local authority/region by
 - 1a) Individual care homes
 - 1b) Care home provider

Please see table below.

2. From the date March 16, 2020, to provide a breakdown of the number of suspected Covid-19 deaths in Scotland/local authority/region by
 - 2a) Individual care homes
 - 2b) Care home provider

For Part 1 and Part 2 of your request, due to the low numbers, the data can only be provided as the totals aggregated to Local Authority level.

Deaths in Care Home Locates where Coronavirus (COVID-19) was mentioned on the death certificate as a probable or suspected cause of death to 30 September

<u>Area</u>	<u>Deaths</u>
Argyll & Bute	19
Highland	15
NHS Highland Total	34

3) Provide any analysis undertaken by the organisation of care home deaths due to Covid-19 in Scotland.

3a) This should include but not be limited to impact assessments, legal advice, statistical analysis, financial impact assessments or other analysis.

Provision of analysis for Part 3 cannot be provided as this is regarded as sensitive information. Information released should not identify either explicitly or inexplicitly any individuals and therefore, I have been unable to provide the level of detail you have requested. The information you seek may constitute personal data in respect of which disclosure would contravene the Data Protection principles and this constitutes a ground of exemption in terms of Section 38(1) (b) of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002

I hope this response is helpful. If you are unhappy with my response, I am very happy to discuss this with you further. Alternatively you have the right to ask for an internal review by making a formal request in writing to the:-

Freedom of Information Officer
NHS Highland
Assynt House
Beechwood Park
Inverness, IV2 3BW

or via email High-UHB.FOIRequestsHighland@nhs.scot

Your request should explain why you wish a review to be carried out and should be made within forty working days of receiving this letter.

If you remain dissatisfied following the investigation of your review, then you have the right to appeal to the Scottish Information Commissioner within 6 months of the date of receiving the review response. Contact details are as follows:

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

Telephone: 01334 464610

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Website: www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal

Yours sincerely

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