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David Tait

Date: 23/06/2023  
Your Ref:  
Our Ref: FOI 2023-381

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Dear Sirs,

**Request for information under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002**

Further to your recent enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act, received on 15th June 2023 please find our response below. In your request you asked for the following information:

Q1 Can you tell me the total amount of deaths where a patient died ONLY of COVID-19 within all hospitals in NHS Western Isles from 2020-2023 separated by hospital and year ?

**A1 Zero.**

Q2 Can you tell me the total amount of NON COVID deaths that have occurred within all of the above hospitals from 2020-2023 separated by hospital and year ?

**A2**

Year	Western Isles Hospital	Uist and Barra Hospital	St Brendan's Hospital	Total
2020	77	21	<5	101
2021	90	29	<5	121
2022	103	34	8	145
2023	39	9	<5	51

Q3 Can you tell me the total amount of COVID-19 deaths as underlying cause within all of the above hospitals from 2020-2023 separated by hospital and year ?

**A3**

Year	Western Isles Hospital	Uist and Barra Hospital	St Brendan's Hospital	Total
2020	0	0	0	0
2021	6	0	0	6

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2022	<5	<5	0	<5
2023	0	0	0	0

Q4 Can you tell me the total amount of deaths from all causes that occurred within all these hospitals from 2010-2022 separated by hospital and year ?

**A4**

Year	Western Isles Hospital	Uist and Barra Hospital	St Brendan's Hospital	Total
2010	107	32	5	144
2011	115	31	7	153
2012	111	32	<5	147
2013	73	31	<5	107
2014	96	24	6	126
2015	97	25	6	128
2016	104	24	7	135
2017	108	27	<5	137
2018	103	15	5	123
2019	92	30	11	133
2020	78	21	<5	102
2021	98	29	<5	129
2022	110	36	9	155

**Exemption applied:**

**We are unable to provide you with the detailed information requested above as we are bound by the laws of confidentiality in respect of individuals. Supplying the number of individuals may allow for individuals to be identified which would be a breach of the data protection principles in Article 5(1) of UK GDPR, which is to process data fairly and lawfully. This information is therefore exempt under section 38(1)(b) of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.**

If you are dissatisfied with the way NHS Western Isles has dealt with your request, you have a right to request a review of our actions and decisions in relation to your request within 40 working days and we will respond within 20 working days of its receipt. For this review you should write to Information Governance Manager, NHS Western Isles, 37 South Beach, Stornoway Isle of Lewis, HS1 2BB stating clearly why you wish a review to be carried out.

If, following the outcome of a request for review, you are still dissatisfied you have the right to make an application for a decision by the Scottish Information Commissioner under section 47(1)

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of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 within 6 months of receiving the response to review letter. The Commissioner can be contacted at Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, Fife, KY16 9DS or by telephone on 01334 464610 or via the website [www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal](http://www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal).

If you have any further queries regarding this response please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely



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