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Dear Reverend Croad

Re: FOI – Suicides attributable to COVID-19 social distancing

Thank you for your request received on 28 April 2020 addressed to Public Health England (PHE). In accordance with Section 1(1)(a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the Act) I can confirm that PHE does not hold the information you have specified.

You asked:

How many people in the UK have died from suicide as an apparent result of COVID-19 social distancing? For the purposes of this question, 'apparent' refers to any case where a friend, family member, or any other person states that the suicide was because of isolation triggered by social distancing.

PHE response:

I can confirm that PHE does not hold the information you have specified.

If you have any queries regarding the information that has been supplied to you, please refer your query 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

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Yours sincerely

Freedom of Information team