



By email

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Dear Andrew Musson,

Re: Information on Covid-19 deaths

Thank you for your request received on 01 May 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:

Of those people who have been reported to have died in UK hospitals (or for any suitable sub-set for which it is easier to provide useful information), what proportions:

a) Correspond to the NHS advised "very high risk/extremely vulnerable" group?

b) Correspond to the NHS advised "high risk/vulnerable" group?

c) Would have been deemed by the NHS not to be "high risk" or "very high risk"?

PHE response:

PHE does not hold this information. PHE does not hold information in relation to Covid-19 deaths and underlying health conditions. Under our Section 16 duty to provide advice and assistance I can advise you that the ONS has coded information about underlying cause of deaths from the registrations data of people registered as dying with COVID-19 who have died in any setting. They have published the results of an ad hoc query at the following link:

<https://www.ons.gov.uk/aboutus/transparencyandgovernance/freedomofinformationfoi/numberofcoronaviruscovid19deathsrelatedtootherunderlyinghealthconditions>

NHS England publish figures about deaths in individuals with confirmed COVID-19 who have died in hospital. And provide a breakdown of those with underlying conditions. This is available at the following link:

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/statistics/statistical-work-areas/covid-19-daily-deaths/>

I can advise that you may wish to contact NHS England, who may be able to assist with your request. Contact details for the NHS England FOI team are available at the following link.

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

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

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

Freedom of Information team