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Dear Sean Kennedy,

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

Thank you for your request of 21 May 2021 under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA).

Your request

You asked "I would like to know the number of burials and also the number of cremations in the country broken down by year. Dates span from 2012 until 2021 please".

Response to your request

While our aim is to provide information whenever possible, in this instance National Records of Scotland (NRS) does not have the information you have requested. We publish death statistics for Scotland based on the information supplied when a death is registered. Unfortunately, we do not hold information about burial or cremation, as this is not supplied during the registration of a death.

You may wish to contact the Cremation Society of Great Britain who record the number of cremations across the whole of the UK each year, broken down by crematorium. More information can be found on the statistics page on their [website](#).

This is a formal notice under section 17(1) of FOISA that NRS does not have the information you have requested.

Your right to request a review

If you are unhappy with this response to your FOI request, you may ask us to carry out an internal review of the response, by writing to:

Information Governance Team  
National Records of Scotland  
Ladywell House  
Ladywell Road  
Edinburgh  
EH12 7TF

Email: [foi@nrscotland.gov.uk](mailto:foi@nrscotland.gov.uk)

Your review request should explain why you are dissatisfied with this response, and should be made within 40 working days from the date when you received this letter. We will complete the review and tell you the result within 20 working days from the date when we receive your review request.

If you are not satisfied with the result of the review you then have the right to appeal to the Scottish Information Commissioner. More detailed information on your rights is available on the Commissioner's website at:

<http://www.itspublicknowledge.info/YourRights/Unhappywiththeresponse/AppealingtoCommissioner.aspx>

Yours sincerely,

NRS FOI Team