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Date: 23 December 2020  
Your Ref:  
Our Ref: MM/HC FOI Ref 9183  
*Please quote reference number on all correspondence*

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Dear Mr Mackay

**Freedom of Information Act Request Ref 9183  
Number of COVID deaths in Highlands**

With reference to your request for information dated 20 November 2020 regarding the above, please find below your questions and our responses:-

**1. I am making this Freedom of Information Request regarding how many deaths by Covid, not with Covid, but from Covid, has the Highland Region endured.**

Deaths registered in Scotland where COVID-19 was mentioned on the death certificate are reported weekly by the National Records of Scotland (NRS). The latest report includes deaths registered to the end of week 49 of 2020 (ending the 6 December). There have been 131 deaths registered of NHS Highland residents mentioning COVID-19 on the death certificate to date. NRS weekly figures for 2020 are provisional and subject to change. More information can be found here:

<https://www.nrscotland.gov.uk/covid19stats>

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 by email [High-UHB.FOIRequestsHighland@nhs.scot](mailto:High-UHB.FOIRequestsHighland@nhs.scot)



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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

Fax: 01334 464611

Website: [www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal](http://www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal)

Yours sincerely

**Heather Campbell**  
**Freedom of Information Officer**

***On behalf of***  
**Mirian Morrison**  
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