

Our ref: Fol/202000129675

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Dear J Grove,

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

Thank you for your request of 22 December 2020 under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA).

Your request

You told us: "The NRS has providing the data that the mean, median and mode ages of death associated with COVID-19 in Week 47 that were for females (n = 119) 83.9, 87.5 and 92.5 and for males (n = 125) 77.7, 79.5 and 84.5.

Of the total of 244 deaths from COVID-19 in Week 47 how many are recorded as having a positive real time polymerase chain reaction (rRT-PCR) test result (also described as a RT-qPCR test result) for "SARS-Cov-2" and/or "COVID-19" within 28 days of their death?"

Response to your request

While our aim is to provide information whenever possible, in this instance National Records of Scotland does not have the information you have requested.

NRS deaths data comes from the information recorded on death certificates, which does not include whether the deceased had a positive test. We are therefore unable to provide this information. You may wish to contact Public Health Scotland at PHS.FOI@nhs.net who are responsible for publishing data on COVID testing.

This is a formal notice under section 17(1) of FOISA that National Records of Scotland 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

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,

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