

RE: Freedom of Information Request 202122 / 083 – Covid-19 Deaths

Your Query	Date of Request	June 2021
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I am emailing to submit a Freedom of Information Request at your hospitals in the NHS Orkney areas on the below matters. If you are able to provide me with accurate information at your earliest convenience I would greatly appreciate it.

All of the information I seek is from the period, February 2020 until June 2021.

1. How many deaths specifically only Covid-19 related have their been at your hospitals? (All current data I have from yourselves has been deaths within 28 days of a positive PCR test which, as you are aware, could mean their death was caused by other means so I am looking for specific Covid-19 deaths).

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2. What number and percentage of the total deaths have been from persons with "underlying health conditions"?

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3. What number and percentage of the total deaths have been from persons WITHOUT "underlying health conditions"?

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4. Of this total what number and percentage of those were children from 0-18 years of age?

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5. How many people have been in ICU specifically with Covid-19?

NHS Orkney does not have an Intensive Care Unit.

The following questions, I'd like answered for the period December 2020 until June 2021 please.

1. How many patients have you had attend your hospital for medical assistance due to adverse reactions from any of the Covid Vaccines?

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2. Of this overall total, how many people have died as a result of the Covid vaccines? Including complications that occurred after receiving any of the vaccines?

Zero.

3. How many deaths have you recorded overall in this period at your hospital?

52 deaths

4. Of this total, what is the number and percentage of those who have died that have had one or both doses of the Covid vaccines?

Please see table below:

Period 01.12.2020 - 30.06.2021				
Total Deaths	Number With First Vaccine	% With First Vaccine	Number With Second Vaccine	% With 2nd Vaccine
52	38	73.08	19	36.54

Please Note: Death figures contain patients who died whilst admitted to the Balfour hospital. This figure is taken from the TrakCare system. All causes of death are included.

Vaccine figures are taken from the vaccination data layer (VDL). A comparison between the TrakCare data and the VDL data was used to identify deceased patients who have had a completed 1st and (where applicable) 2nd vaccination record.

The majority of vaccinations carried out in December were for healthcare workers and care home residents.