

Freedom of Information request 154-21

Request

I would like to know how many people have died since receiving the vaccine. From the day they started giving out the vaccine until 15/04/2021.

CLARIFICATION: I would like to know the amount of deaths of people who have died after receiving the covid vaccine. From the date they started giving the vaccine until 18/04/2021.

FURTHER CLARIFICATION: I would like to know how many people have died after receiving the vaccine from 8/12/2020 to 18/04/2021.

FURTHER CLARIFICATION: I only want the information for the Scottish Borders

Response

Within the NHS Borders area 200 individuals have died from various causes between 8 December 2020 and 8 April 2021. Please note we do not hold data for the period 9-18 April, therefore under Section 17 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 we cannot provide.

We can confirm that all of these individuals had received either their first or both doses of the COVID-19 vaccine. NHS Borders do not hold data on whether any of these deaths were in relation to receiving the vaccine therefore under Section 17 of the FOI(S)A 2002 we cannot provide. Please note those who were considered most at risk, i.e. those who were shielding, from older age groups or with underlying health conditions were vaccinated first; therefore in this time period deaths within these categories would be expected.

Under Section 15 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002, duty to provide advice and assistance, further information and details on causes of deaths within each NHS Board area can be found at the following web link: <https://www.nrscotland.gov.uk/statistics-and-data>

If you are not satisfied with the way your request has been handled or the decision given, you may ask NHS Borders to review its actions and the decision. If you would like to request a review please apply in writing to, Freedom of Information Review, NHS Borders, Room 2EC3, Education Centre, Borders General Hospital, Melrose, TD6 9BS or foi.enquiries@borders.scot.nhs.uk.

The request for a review should include your name and address for correspondence, the request for information to which the request relates and the issue which you wish to be reviewed. Please state the reference number **154-21** on this request. Your request should be made within 40 working days from receipt of this letter.

If following this review, you remain dissatisfied with the outcome, you may appeal to the Scottish Information Commissioner and request an investigation of your complaint. Your request to the Scottish Information Commissioner should be in writing (or other permanent form), stating your name and an address for correspondence. You should provide the details of the request and your reasons for dissatisfaction with both the original response by NHS Borders and your reasons for dissatisfaction with the outcome of the internal review. Your application for an investigation by the Scottish Information Commissioner must be made within six months of your receipt of the response with which you are dissatisfied. The address for the Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner is, Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner, Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, Fife.

