

## Freedom of Information request 76-22

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### Request

- 1) How many children within the health board who are aged 5-11 are eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine.
- 2) How many children within the health board who are aged 5-11 have received the COVID-19 vaccine
- 3) How many individuals have received the incorrect COVID-19 vaccine dosage, broken down by a) children aged 5-11 b) 12-17 year olds and c) adults aged 18 and over, since the start of the vaccine programme.
- 4) What action was taken as a result of individuals receiving the incorrect COVID-19 vaccine dosage.

### Response

1. On the date of this request the universal offer to all 5-11 year olds in Scotland had not yet been made, at that point the number of children aged 5-11 who were eligible for the Covid-19 vaccination was 408. There has since been a universal offer made and the number of children aged 5-11 eligible for the Covid-19 vaccination is now 8,697.
2. As at 23 February 2022 there were 137 5-11 year olds who had received a Covid-19 vaccine.
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  - a. No children aged 5-11 years old have received an incorrect Covid-19 vaccine dosage.
  - b. No children aged 12-17 years old have received an incorrect Covid-19 vaccine dosage.
  - c. As per JCVI Guidance, the “primary schedule” for Covid-19 vaccinations is two doses of a Covid-19 vaccination and a booster, however clinically at risk / immunosuppressed patients are eligible for three doses of a Covid-19 vaccination and a booster, this would not be considered an incorrect dose as it is clinically necessary.

To extract the data to determine patients who have received more than the primary schedule and whether these additional doses were clinically necessary or non-essential (incorrect) would require a manual trawl of approximately 1,400 individual patient records. The cost of carrying out this work would exceed the limit set in the Fees Regulations of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 and therefore under Section 12 we are not required to provide.

4. Not applicable.

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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 **76-22** on this request. Your request should be made within 40 working days from receipt of this letter.

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