

## ANNEX A

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### Request

I am writing to request the total number of individuals in Northern Ireland who have died since the start of this pandemic to the present day:

1. With Covid 19?
2. Of the above deaths, how many individuals who died with covid 19 had underlying health issues?
3. How many individuals in Northern Ireland who died simply from Covid 19 alone with no underlying health issues?

### Response

I can confirm the Department holds the information requested.

1. FOI Exemption **Section 21 (Information is accessible by other means)** applies to this question, as NISRA publish weekly tables containing the number of deaths where Covid-19 was mentioned anywhere on the death certificate (i.e. with Covid-19). The latest data is up to the week-ending 2 July 2021 and is available in table 5 at the link below, but for the convenience the **total number of deaths registered with Covid-19 up to 2 July was 2,982**. The figures referred to in this response are based on death registration dates as opposed to the date that the deaths occurred. It is standard practice for NISRA is to supply responses based on registration date.

<https://www.nisra.gov.uk/publications/weekly-deaths-week-ending-2-july-2021>

2. Of the 2982 Covid-19 related deaths, **2,817 had another condition mentioned on the death certificate.**
3. Of the 2982 Covid-19 related deaths, **165 where Covid-19 was the only cause of death mentioned on the death certificate.**

To select relevant cases, NISRA included deaths which mentioned only Covid-19 with or without pneumonia in Part 1 of the death certificate. Also excluded are deaths where Covid-19 led to another condition which in turn led to death. The death certificate does not contain a 'sole cause' of death but consists of 2 parts. Part 1 contains the disease or condition directly leading to death and any antecedent causes (i.e. conditions that gave rise to the condition leading to death) with the underlying cause stated last. There were **2,547** deaths (all ages) up to end March 2021 where antecedent causes may have been mentioned, but Covid-