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Dear Kathy

Freedom of Information Act 2000

I refer to your request for information under the terms of the above Act, dated 06/02/2023.

Your response is attached.

You have the right to request a formal review by the Department within two calendar months of the date of this letter and if you wish to do so, please write to foi@finance-ni.gov.uk or FOI/EIR Unit, Department of Finance, 2nd Floor West, Clare House, 303 Airport Road West, Belfast, BT3 9ED.

If after such an internal review you are still unhappy with the response, you have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioner at Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF, who will undertake an independent review.

Yours sincerely

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Request

(This is a follow up to FOI DoF/2022-0132)

Please could you answer all the same questions in the same format as previously asked in the FOI attached.

1. The total amount of covid deaths?
2. The total amount of covid deaths with at least one other condition mentioned on the death certificate?
3. The total amount of covid deaths with only covid mentioned on the death certificate?

All three questions to be answered in total amounts and then broken down by age groups please.

Response

I can confirm the Department holds the information requested.

Of the **5,161** Covid-19 related deaths that had occurred up to 06 February 2023 (accounting for registrations up to and including 06 February), **267** had Covid-19 as the **only** cause of death mentioned on the death certificate. The remaining **4,894** covid-19 related deaths had at least one other cause of death mentioned on the death certificate.

The tables below provide the information requested.

Age	1. Total deaths due to Covid-19
0-14	2
15-44	64
45-64	486
65-74	785
75-84	1710
85+	2114

Age	1. Deaths due to Covid-19, with at least 1 other condition mentioned
0-14	2
15-44	56
45-64	457
65-74	754
75-84	1635
85+	1990

Age	1. Deaths due to Covid-19, with covid alone mentioned
0-14	0
15-44	8
45-64	29
65-74	31
75-84	75
85+	124

To select relevant cases for Covid-only deaths (those without other causes of death recorded), NISRA included deaths which mentioned only Covid-19, with or without pneumonia, in Part 1 of the death certificate. Pneumonia was included, as early discussions with the Department of Health indicated that certifying doctors may have made no distinction between Covid-19 and Covid-19 pneumonia. Also *excluded* are deaths where Covid-19 led to another condition, which in turn led to death.