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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 14 September 2023.

Our 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](mailto:foi@finance-ni.gov.uk) or FOI/EIR Team, 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.

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact me at [foi@finance-ni.gov.uk](mailto:foi@finance-ni.gov.uk). Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

Yours sincerely

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NISRA Director



**FOI DoF/2023-0348****Request**

(This is a follow up to FOI DoF/2023-0056)

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 that the Department holds the information requested.

Of the **5,391** Covid-19 related deaths that had occurred up to 8 September 2023 (accounting for registrations up to and including 13 September 2023), **273** had Covid-19 as the **only** cause of death mentioned on the death certificate. The remaining **5,118** covid-19 related deaths had at least one other cause of death mentioned on the death certificate.

The tables below provide the information requested.

<b>Age</b>	<b>1. Total deaths due to Covid-19</b>
0-14	2
15-44	65
45-64	498
65-74	822
75-84	1788
85+	2216

<b>Age</b>	<b>2. Deaths due to Covid-19, with at least 1 other condition mentioned</b>
0-14	2
15-44	57
45-64	468
65-74	790
75-84	1713
85+	2088

Age	3. Deaths due to Covid-19, with covid alone mentioned
0-14	0
15-44	8
45-64	30
65-74	32
75-84	75
85+	128

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.