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Re: Your request made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000

I am doing some research regarding Covid 19. Under the freedom of information act, I would like you to supply me with the following information:

How many people have died in your hospitals from Covid 19 alone? As in they died only due to Covid 19. I can see the figures that you publish online, but these are deaths within 28 days of a positive covid test, so they could have died from other causes. I just want to know the exact figure from 1st February 2020 until the 31st December 2020 of people that have died due to Covid-19 and not anything else please.

As of 26 January 2021, 709 deaths have been reported with COVID-19 having played a role. Going through each to see if COVID-19 was the sole factor in death, and what other conditions were at play, would require a manual audit of patient notes and would therefore exceed the s.12 timescale of the FOIA 2000.

More information on COVID-19 related deaths is accessible, here:

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/statistics/statistical-work-areas/covid-19-daily-deaths/>