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Dear Mr Kermodé

We write further to your request which was received 6 September 2021 and which states:

"Please can you confirm the following:

- 1. What is the total number of deaths on the IOM of persons who have died within 28 days of a positive Covid test since March 2020 to date?*
- 2. Of that overall total, how many deaths have been from Covid alone?*
- 3. Of that overall total, how many deaths were with Covid (as separate from Covid alone)?*
- 4. Of that overall total, what is the number of persons with underlying health conditions?*
- 5. Of that overall total, what is the number without underlying health conditions?*
- 6. Of that overall total, what is the average age of the persons?*

Thank you"

Our response:

While our aim is to provide information whenever possible, in this instance the Department of Health and Social Care ('the Department') is unable to provide the information that you have requested. This is in line with Section 11(3)a of the Act, as a practical refusal reason applies; namely we do not hold or cannot, after taking reasonable steps to do so, find the information that you have requested as it may be held by **Manx Care**.

You may wish to re-submit your request to **Manx Care**, which is an option available on the Freedom of Information request portal, who may be able to help you.

To provide advice and assistance, the Department of Health and Social Care redesigned on 1 April 2021 as a direct result of Sir Jonathan Michael's Independent Review of the Isle of Manx Health and Care System. This Review continues to be a catalyst for change and improved service provision.

The redesigned Department ensures the separation between the setting of policy and strategy and the delivery of care services by Manx Care.

To provide further advice and assistance, the Isle of Man Government Public Health Directorate publish a weekly report which provides a summary of indicators used to understand the status of the current wave of Covid-19 in the Isle of Man.

The purpose of the public health surveillance report is to provide a clear and trusted data source which will help individuals, businesses and the wider community to make positive choices about how they manage the risk of COVID-19.

The weekly report is available within the public domain at:

Isle of Man Government – Coronavirus COVID-19
Weekly Public Health Surveillance Report

<https://covid19.gov.im/guidance-for-public-health/weekly-public-health-surveillance-report/>

Please quote the reference number 1976185 in any future communications.

Your right to request a review

If you are unhappy with this response to your freedom of information request, you may ask us to carry out an internal review of the response, by completing a complaint form and submitting it electronically or by delivery/post.

An electronic version of our complaint form can be found by going to our website at <https://services.gov.im/freedom-of-information/Review> . If you would like a paper version of our complaint form to be sent to you by post, please contact me and I will be happy to arrange for this. Your review request should explain why you are dissatisfied with this response, and should be made as soon as practicable. We will respond as soon as the review has been concluded.

If you are not satisfied with the result of the review, you then have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioner for a decision on;

1. Whether we have responded to your request for information in accordance with Part 2 of the Freedom of Information Act 2015; or
2. Whether we are justified in refusing to give you the information requested.

In response to an application for review, the Information Commissioner may, at any time, attempt to resolve a matter by negotiation, conciliation, mediation or another form of alternative dispute resolution and will have regard to any outcome of this in making any subsequent decision.

More detailed information on your right to a review can be found on the Information Commissioner's website at www.inforights.im.

Should you have any queries concerning this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Further information about freedom of information requests can be found at www.gov.im/foi.

I will now close your request as of this date.

Yours sincerely

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