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Dear Mr Kermodé

We write further to your request which was received on 4 February 2022 and which states:

"In the IOM, Covid deaths are recorded as those where Covid-19 is mentioned anywhere within the death certificate.

There have been 73 Covid deaths officially recorded on the IOM from March 2020 to 2nd February 2022.

Please can you confirm the following:

- 1. How many of such 73 death certificates are where only Covid-19 is mentioned on the death certificate (i.e. no mention of any other disease or condition or contributory condition)?*
 - 2. How many of such death certificates are where Covid-19 is stated as being the main cause of death (1a on the death certificate)?*
 - 3. How many of such 73 death certificates are where Covid-19 is mentioned not as the main cause of death but as another condition or disease or as a contributory condition?*
 - 4. How many of such 73 deaths were of persons who were not vaccinated in any way against Covid-19 (i.e. had not had a first or second or booster jab)?*
 - 5. Does the IOM Government definition of double vaccinated mean from the actual day of the second vaccination or from a later date e.g. 2 weeks hence?*
- Thank you"*

Our response:

Question 1: How many of such 73 death certificates are where only Covid-19 is mentioned on the death certificate (i.e. no mention of any other disease or condition or contributory condition)?

While our aim is to provide information whenever possible, in this instance the Manx Care 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. Manx Care do not hold death certificates and consequently the cause of death.

However you may wish to re-submit your request to the General Registry who hold death certificates and may be able to help you.

Question 2: How many of such death certificates are where Covid-19 is stated as being the main cause of death (1a on the death certificate)?

While our aim is to provide information whenever possible, in this instance the Manx Care 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. Manx Care do not hold death certificates and consequently the cause of death.

However you may wish to re-submit your request to the General Registry who hold death certificates and may be able to help you.

Question 3: How many of such 73 death certificates are where Covid-19 is mentioned not as the main cause of death but as another condition or disease or as a contributory condition?

While our aim is to provide information whenever possible, in this instance the Manx Care 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. Manx Care do not hold death certificates and consequently the cause of death.

However you may wish to re-submit your request to the General Registry who hold death certificates and may be able to help you.

Question 4: How many of such 73 deaths were of persons who were not vaccinated in any way against Covid-19 (i.e. had not had a first or second or booster jab)?

While our aim is to provide information whenever possible, in this instance the public authority does not hold or cannot, after taking reasonable steps to do so, find the information that you have requested.

Manx Care do not hold death certificates. However, for advice and assistance, you may find the Weekly Public Health Surveillance Reports useful which can be found at www.gov.im/cabinetoffice/public-health/health-intelligence/covid-19-weekly-surveillance-report/

Question 5: Does the IOM Government definition of double vaccinated mean from the actual day of the second vaccination or from a later date e.g. 2 weeks hence?

While our aim is to provide information whenever possible, in this instance the public authority does not hold or cannot, after taking reasonable steps to do so, find the information that you have requested.

However, you may wish to contact Public Health who may be able to help you.

Please quote the reference number 2241305 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


Information Governance Manager