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Dear

## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – COVID VACCINATIONS

I write in response to your request for information in relation to Covid vaccinations within NHS Lothian.

Question:

- **First Vaccinations Information - Approx November/December 2020 to early 2021**
  1. Date that first Covid19 vaccinations were delivered to health board
  2. Date of first vaccination being given in health board area
  3. Date of first vaccination to care home resident in health board area
  4. Date of last vaccination to care home resident in health board area
  
- **Overall Vaccination Data (All Vaccines to Date)**
  5. Covid vaccination percentage rates for health board population for those in the most deprived areas compared to those in the least deprived areas
  6. Covid vaccination percentage rates overall compared to the percentage vaccination rates for those impacted by alcohol and drug issues

If that's not clear or there are any issues please just let me know.

Answer:

1. Date that first Covid19 vaccinations were delivered to health board - <https://spice-spotlight.scot/2023/05/10/timeline-of-coronavirus-covid-19-in-scotland/> Key milestone at 2 December 2020
2. Date of first vaccination being given in health board area - <https://spice-spotlight.scot/2023/05/10/timeline-of-coronavirus-covid-19-in-scotland/> Key milestone at 8 December 2020 [ARCHIVED – COVID-19 Vaccination in Scotland up to September 2022 - Daily Trend of All Vaccinations Delivered in Scotland - Scottish Health and Social Care Open Data \(nhs.scot\)](#)

3. Date of first vaccination to care home resident in health board area – 14<sup>th</sup> December article <https://spice-spotlight.scot/2023/05/10/timeline-of-coronavirus-covid-19-in-scotland/>
4. Date of last vaccination to care home resident in health board area – Title at the top says to early 2021 – Open data shows to end of March 2021  
<https://www.opendata.nhs.scot/dataset/covid-19-vaccination-in-scotland/resource/d442b584-fe34-4c8d-acd0-3de9ac568eaf>

20210331	S92000003	1 - Care Home Residents - Older Adults	28144	Dose 1	27207	96.67069	All vaccinations
20210331	S92000003	1 - Care Home Residents - Older Adults	28144	Dose 2	24520	87.12337	All vaccinations

5. Covid vaccination percentage rates for health board population for those in the most deprived areas compared to those in the least deprived areas – First release of Dose 1 by SIMD and NHS Board in Equality  
<https://publichealthscotland.scot/publications/covid-19-statistical-report/covid-19-statistical-report-2-june-2021/>  
<https://publichealthscotland.scot/media/7688/equality-report-supplementary-tables.xlsx>
6. Covid vaccination percentage rates overall compared to the percentage vaccination rates for those impacted by alcohol and drug issues – The only other releases we have back then are for Prisons and Pregnant women. The Covid-19 wider impacts dashboard has a substance misuse section but doesn't cover vaccination of this population.

All of the information above is considered exempt under Section 25 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 - Information otherwise accessible.

(1) Information which the applicant can reasonably obtain other than by requesting it under section 1(1) is exempt information.

I hope the publicly available information helps with your request.

If you are unhappy with our response to your request, you do have the right to request us to review it. Your request should be made within 40 working days of receipt of this letter, and we will reply within 20 working days of receipt. If our decision is unchanged following a review and you remain dissatisfied with this, you then have the right to make a formal complaint to the Scottish Information Commissioner within 6 months of receipt of our review response. You can do this by using the Scottish Information Commissioner's Office online appeals service at

[www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal](http://www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal). If you remain dissatisfied with the Commissioner's response you then have the option to appeal to the Court of Session on a point of law.

If you require a review of our decision to be carried out, please write to the FOI Reviewer at the email address at the head of this letter. The review will be undertaken by a Reviewer who was not involved in the original decision-making process.

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Yours sincerely

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