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Dear Requester

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: 2022-671394

We acknowledge your request for the following information:

In the light of this situation I am making a Freedom of Information request for:

- 1. The minutes of the meeting of the COVID19 Recovery Committee at which it was decided to put out a general call for views on Excess deaths in Scotland, and at which the five key questions to answer were identified.*
- 2. A timeline for processing, posting, assessing, reporting and acting on the information solicited by the call (if this is not specified in the minutes of the COVID19 Recovery Committee meeting requested in 1. above).*

Your request was received on 4th February 2022 and has been handled in accordance with the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOI(S)A).

The COVID-19 Recovery Committee ('the Committee') considered a draft call for views, including the five consultation questions, for its inquiry into excess deaths in Scotland since the start of the pandemic at its meeting on Thursday, 2nd December 2021. The minutes of this meeting have been published on the Scottish Parliament's website.

- Minutes of the COVID-19 Recovery Committee meeting on 2nd December 2021: <https://www.parliament.scot/chamber-and-committees/committees/current-and-previous-committees/session-6-covid19-recovery-committee/meetings/2021/cvdrs62113/minutes>

As this information is publicly available on the Scottish Parliament website, we have provided a section 25 notice in terms of the technical requirements under FOI(S)A – for information that is otherwise accessible.

The call for views was open from 9th December 2021 to 7th January 2022. The deadline for responses was then extended to 28th January 2022. The submissions were published on 7th February 2022 and can be accessed here:

- Written submissions submitted to the inquiry into excess deaths in Scotland since the start of the pandemic: https://yourviews.parliament.scot/covid19/excess-deaths-covid19-pandemic/consultation/published_select_respondent

The Committee agreed its approach to oral evidence on the inquiry at its meeting on 10th February 2022. The minutes of this meeting have been published on the Scottish Parliament's website and can be accessed here:

- Minutes of the COVID-19 Recovery Committee meeting on 10th February 2022: <https://www.parliament.scot/chamber-and-committees/committees/current-and-previous-committees/session-6-covid19-recovery-committee/meetings/2022/cvdrs6225/minutes>.

The Committee intends to take oral evidence on the inquiry at its meetings on 24th February 2022, 10th March 2022 and 17th March 2022. The evidence will be heard in public and will be broadcast on the Scottish Parliament's website: <https://www.scottishparliament.tv/>.

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Yours sincerely,

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Head of Information Governance

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