

THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (SCOTLAND) ACT 2002

REFUSAL NOTICE

Request Number: 2022-671394

Date: 2 March 2022

This refusal notice is provided in accordance with section 16 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOI(S)A).

You have requested certain information which we are not providing to you as it is otherwise accessible. The accompanying letter describes where the information you seek is available.

Section 16 of FOI(S)A requires us to complete a refusal notice when we are not providing information which is otherwise accessible. The details we are required to include in this refusal notice are set out below.

Information which is the subject of the request	<i>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</i>
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Information which is otherwise accessible	The minutes of the Covid Recovery Committee meeting on 2 December 2021.
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Exemption(s)	Section 25 - Information otherwise accessible
Why exemption(s) applies	Section 25 applies as the minutes for the meeting of the Covid 19 Recovery Committee are publicly available on the Scottish Parliament website and can be accessed at the following link: https://www.parliament.scot/chamber-and-committees/committees/current-and-previous-committees/session-6-covid19-recovery-committee/meetings/2021/cvdrs62113/minutes
Public interest (where relevant)	As section 25 is an absolute exemption it is not subject to the public interest test.