



## Access to Public Information Request

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### Access to Public Information request relating to the vaccination status and deaths:

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#### Request for information:

Can you please provide me with the following information relating to persons in the Bailiwick of Guernsey:

- 1) *A list of monthly deaths from 1/8/20-1/8/21 with the following fields*
  - a) *The covid vaccination status and if vaccinated which vaccine*
  - b) *The cause of death*
  - c) *Age*
  - d) *Whether they had a post mortem*
- 2) *Is it mandatory for a person who died subsequent to being administered a Covid 19 vaccine to have a post mortem to establish the cause of death?*
- 3) *How many vaccinated people who have died post vaccine have had a post mortem to rule out the possibility of vaccine injury?*

#### Response provided by the States of Guernsey:

The below data comes from a number of sources, including HM Greffier and the Law Officers. The Law Officers receive notifications of sudden and unexpected deaths, however, they are not advised of all deaths that occur within the Bailiwick. HM Greffier receives notification of all deaths and maintains the deaths register accordingly, and has also provided some the data below.

It should be noted that deaths resulting from Covid-19 are not necessarily considered to be sudden deaths as they are classed as deaths from natural causes.

Additionally, it should be noted that mortality patterns may, in future, be shown to have changed in the aftermath of the pandemic e.g. due to changes in how people sought or were able to access care for non-COVID conditions. These will be known as 'indirect' health effects of the pandemic. If this is the case, they would be expected to apply world-wide. It

is likely that methodologies to assess such possible changes will emerge, at which point they will be applied to Bailiwick data.

Finally, we have not been able to provide all of the specific data requested, as some of the questions would have required a manifestly excessive use of officer time. Age, profession, marital status, parent details and cause of death are just some of the pieces of data included in a death certificate. There is no easy way to acquire this detail, and each certificate would need to be manually inspected, so this data has not been provided as it would require an excessive use of officer time. We have, however, provided answers which we hope will help the applicant.

- 1) 106 sudden deaths were reported to the law officers between 1/8/20 and 1/8/21.

HM Greffier recorded 546 deaths in the following months between the dates of 1/8/20 and 1/8/21.

August – 42  
September – 45  
October – 34  
November – 42  
December – 49  
January – 58  
February – 47  
March – 49  
April – 47  
May – 47  
June – 43  
July – 43

By way of context, HM Greffier recorded 563 deaths between the dates of 1/8/19 and 1/8/20.

August – 42  
September – 48  
October – 50  
November – 50  
December – 40  
January – 47  
February – 44  
March – 45  
April – 67  
May – 54  
June – 43  
July – 33

A) Based on the information held regarding sudden death notifications during this time period, the average age of those who had passed away was 74 years. Noting that the date of the first vaccination took place in Guernsey on the 17<sup>th</sup> December 2020, it is likely that many of the individuals may have been vaccinated, however, a full break down of the status of each person cannot be provided. It is also worth noting that it is not a requirement to state vaccination status of a deceased person at death registration.

B) 2 deaths were Covid-19 related. We cannot provide a full breakdown of cause of deaths for the 106 sudden deaths reported to the law officers.

C) As in answer to A)

D) There were 21 coronial post-mortem exams undertaken during this time period. A post-mortem exam is not required when a death is from natural causes, with no suspicious circumstances.

2) No. It is not mandatory for a person who died after being administered a Covid-19 vaccination to have a coronial post-mortem in order to establish the cause of death. Post-mortem examinations are generally undertaken when the circumstances surrounding the death are unclear in order to determine the cause of death.

3) Two people.