## Coronavirus — National Records of Scotland announce weekly figures

National Records of Scotland (NRS) announced on Wednesday that as at 14 February, 9,053 deaths have been registered in Scotland where the novel coronavirus was mentioned on the death certificate.

In the week 8-14 February, 323 deaths were registered that mentioned Covid-19 on the death certificate, this is a decrease of 54 deaths from the previous week.

Over 80% of deaths this week occurred in hospital, representing 266 deaths, 42 deaths occurred in care homes and 15 at home or in non-institutional settings.

In the last three weeks deaths in all locations have started to fall, with the fastest decrease occurring in care homes which has seen a 62% reduction in deaths in a three week period. Care home deaths have fallen to a level last seen around the end of October.

For the first time since November, deaths of those aged 85 and over are now lower than deaths among 75-84 year olds.

Pete Whitehouse, Director of Statistical Services, said: "Over 9,000 deaths have now been registered in Scotland where Covid-19 was mentioned on the death certificate and they represent loss and grief for families and communities across

the country.

"Today's statistics show some signs of progress, for the third consecutive week, we have seen a welcome reduction in the number of deaths. Deaths in care homes over the last 3 weeks have fallen at a faster rate than deaths in other locations. The number of deaths in the 85 and over age group have also fallen more steeply than younger age groups.

"There were 146 excess deaths across all locations in the last week, 12 percent above average for this time of year. This figure remains high, but has fallen steadily in recent weeks."

The publication <u>Deaths involving coronavirus (COVID-19) in</u> Scotland is available on the NRS website.