

National Records of Scotland confirm numbers of Covid and flu deaths

National Records of Scotland (NRS) has reported the number of deaths involving Covid-19 since the beginning of the pandemic almost three years ago. The numbers have risen recently but the statistics also show the highest weekly number of flu deaths in more than two decades.

As at 15 January 2023, 16,568 deaths have been registered in Scotland where the novel coronavirus (Covid-19) was mentioned on the death certificate,

In the latest week, 101 deaths were registered that mentioned Covid-19 on the death certificate, 17 more than in the previous week.

The number of deaths from all causes registered in Scotland in this week was 2,020, which is 450, or 29%, more than the five year average.

Monthly analysis shows that the age standardised death rate for deaths involving Covid-19 rose in December 2022 (59 per 100,000) compared to November 2022 (40 per 100,000). Throughout the pandemic, the highest rate of Covid-

related deaths was 585 per 100,000 people in April 2020.

Of the 16,455 deaths involving Covid-19 between March 2020 and December 2022, 93% (15,383) had at least one pre-existing condition, with the most common being dementia or Alzheimer's disease.

Pete Whitehouse, Director of Statistical Services, said: "The latest figures show that last week there were 101 deaths where Covid-19 was mentioned on the death certificate. This is 17 more than in the previous week.

"Deaths involving influenza have risen in recent weeks. There were 121 deaths where influenza was mentioned on the death certificate in week 2 of this year, up from 91 in the previous week. This is the highest weekly number of flu deaths registered in over twenty years."

There have been nine deaths in Scotland in which the underlying cause of death was due to the adverse effects of vaccination against Covid-19, and four further deaths where an adverse effect was mentioned on the death certificate. This is no change from the figure reported last month.

The [latest available statistics](#) show that 4.56 million people in Scotland have received at least one vaccine dose.



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