

## Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002

<b>DATE RECEIVED</b>	<b>08/02/2022</b>	<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>COVID-19 - Medical Exemptions</b>		
<b>PASSED TO</b>	<b>Public Health</b>	<b>DATE PASSED</b>	<b>08/02/2022</b>	<b>RESPOND BY</b>	<b>01/03/2022</b>
<b>CATEGORY</b>	<b>Private</b>	<b>FoI NUMBER</b>	<b>2022-057</b>		

Question/s to be Answered

I hereby request the health board to release the number of medical exemptions granted for the Covid vaccinations?

~~Exemption letters for Covid vaccination are granted by the Scottish Government, not by individual Health Boards.~~

Dispute from Requester:

Dear shet foi (NHS Shetland),

In your reply you state that the Scottish Government holds records of Medical Exemptions for Covid vaccines but this disagrees with the following FOI request in which they say that the individual NHS Boards issue exemptions and therefore will hold records.

[https://www.whatdotheyknow.com/request/number\\_of\\_medical\\_exemptions\\_for#incoming-1936645](https://www.whatdotheyknow.com/request/number_of_medical_exemptions_for#incoming-1936645)

Please provide the information requested, as most other NHS boards in Scotland have now done.

Yours sincerely,

Richard Clark

Public Health, NHS Shetland Response:

Please accept our apologies for any confusion caused by our original response. There is a national process that has changed frequently since about last September. If we have any local requests, we send them to the national contact centre at National Services Scotland to issue any exemption certificate that is required (or a letter declining the exemption request).