

## Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002

<b>DATE RECEIVED</b>	<b>11/02/2022</b>	<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>Sudden Death Post Mortems</b>		
<b>PASSED TO</b>	<b>Medical Records</b>	<b>DATE PASSED</b>	<b>14/02/2022</b>	<b>RESPOND BY</b>	<b>04/03/2022</b>
<b>CATEGORY</b>	<b>Scottish Parliament</b>		<b>FoI NUMBER</b>	<b>2022-069</b>	

Question/s to be Answered

I would like to request the following information under the Freedom of Information Act:

1. In this health board, how long did it take on average during the month ending 31 January 2022 for a routine sudden death post mortem to be carried out? Please also provide the data for the month ending 31 December 2021, 30 November 2021 and 31 October 2021.

The Procurator Fiscal will instruct a post mortem examination if that is considered necessary to understand the circumstances or cause of the death. It is a matter for the Procurator Fiscal whether or not a post mortem examination is required following the report of a death and this will be undertaken for Shetland residents in an appropriate facility on the mainland.

NHS Shetland does not provide any post mortem services.