

**Open Letter regarding Scottish Excess Mortality from the UK Medical Freedom Alliance to:**

**Humza Yousaf MSP – Scottish Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care**

We refer to our previous Urgent Open Letter pertaining to Scottish Excess Mortality dated 26 October 2021<sup>i</sup>, which we sent to Scottish Health Officials including the Chief Medical Officer and the National Clinical Director. We regret that we have not received any response, nor that the data we highlighted have been addressed publicly.

In this letter, we showed Official Scottish Mortality data (NRS) demonstrating that Scottish excess mortality has been very significantly out of range compared to averages from the last 40 years over the summer / autumn period. Significant excess mortality has continued to be reported every week since then and up to the current date. Notably, the inflection in the trends towards rising excess mortality has occurred in a staggered fashion according to age groups.

Alarming, not only does this not seem to be officially recognized as a public health crisis but now further data has emerged raising additional serious concerns.

1. There have been reports of an investigation into an abnormal spike in **deaths of newborn babies** in Scotland. The rate of 4.9 per 1000 live births in September was significantly above average<sup>ii</sup>. Data from Public Health Scotland (PHS) demonstrate a clear increase in neonatal deaths that have occurred so far in the current second half of 2021 compared to the previous eight six-months-periods (Fig 1).

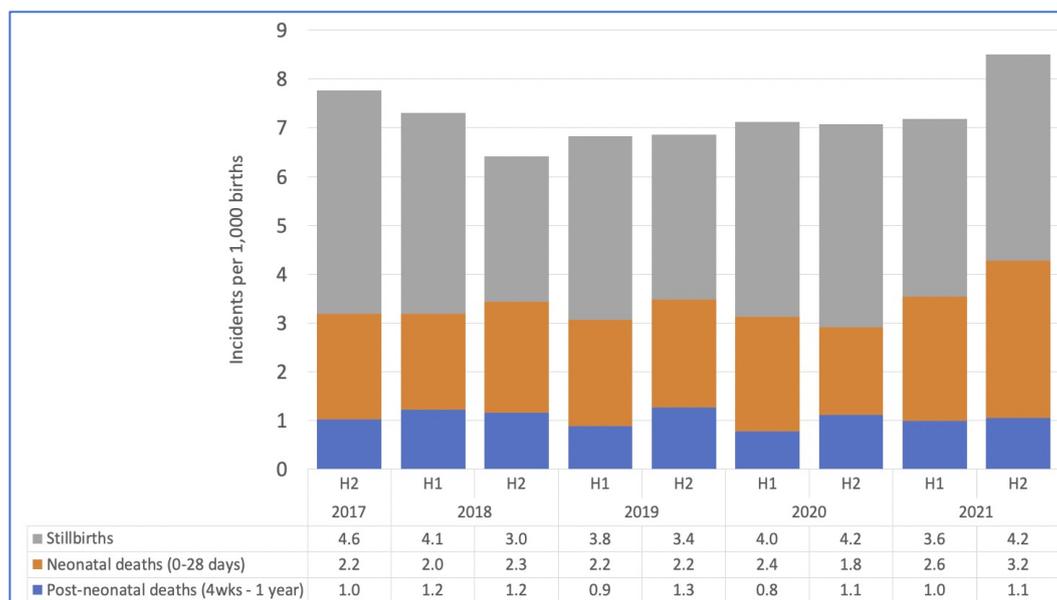


Fig. 1 PHS data for Stillbirths and Infant mortality per half year periods

2. The cumulative annualised **infant mortality** rate (deaths of under 1-year olds per births) in Scotland shows a significant excess and rising trend since the summer, when the graph usually stabilizes at 0.3 – 0.33% towards the end of the year (Fig 2).



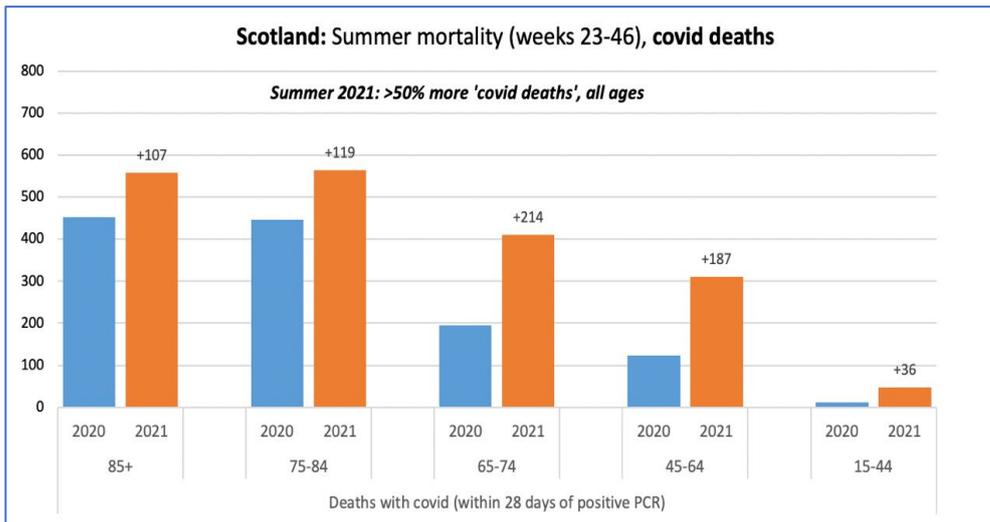


Fig. 4 Numbers of deaths related to COVID-19 according to age groups – Weeks 23-46

4. Scotland seems to be among a number of nations (including England/Wales and Northern Ireland) experiencing a **significant rise in excess mortality** compared to the previous 5-year averages. Whilst temporarily increased excess mortality may intermittently occur, this would typically be followed by a period with lower mortality, settling the cumulative excess back to zero. Currently, however, there is an **ongoing rising trend** in all nations demonstrated (except Sweden) but the **incline is notably steepening in Scotland**, which should be cause for serious concern (Fig 5).

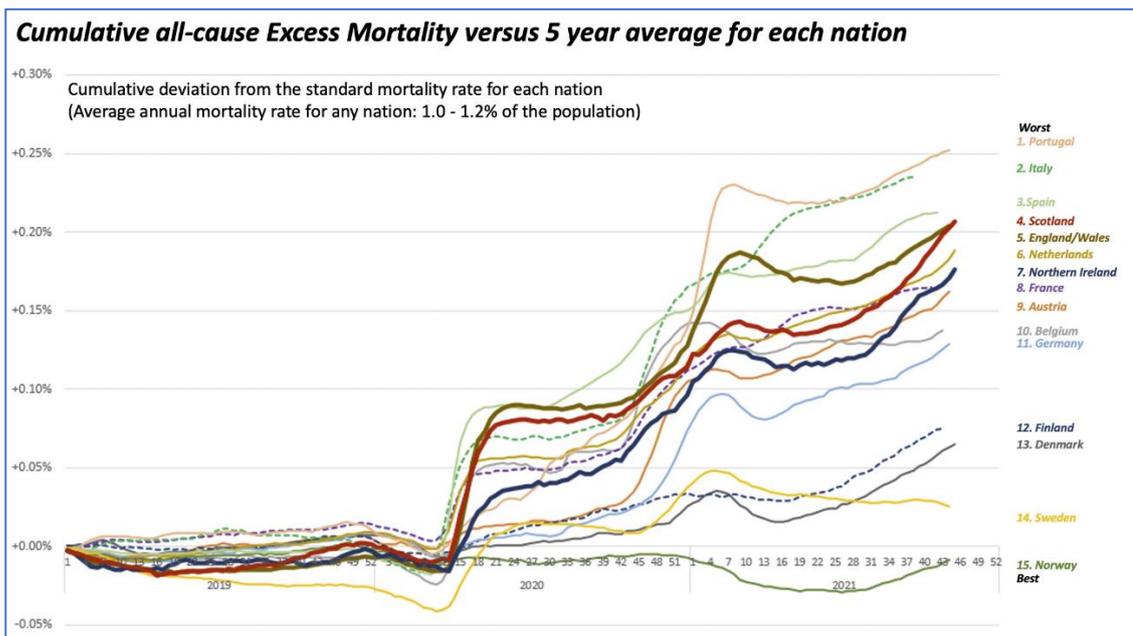


Fig 5 Cumulative all-cause Excess Mortality versus 5-year averages for each nation

The purpose of all and any implemented public health measure should be and has always been to save lives. The effectiveness of a public health measure can be assessed by using All-Cause Mortality data.

**Official data from the NRS and PHS as presented herein, show that policies have not only failed but led to catastrophic increases in mortality across the population.**

As the same measures continue to be implemented, with considerations to revert to even greater stringency and even to mandate some of the measures, we now question the basis and justification for any and all of those measures.

We are therefore looking for some reassurance as to the following:

- 1) That the Scottish Government has acknowledged and considered the implications of the data pertaining to significant excess all-cause mortality in Scotland as detailed in this letter.
- 2) That the Scottish Cabinet has formulated a plan how to address this crisis of steadily rising excess all-cause mortality across all age groups in Scotland.
- 3) That the Scottish Government has analysed and reviewed in detail the impact and risk assessment of COVID-19 policies, including restrictions of movement and social interactions (lockdowns), wearing of face coverings and COVID-19 vaccinations.

We suggest it would be more than appropriate to publicise your analysis and proposed action plan in order to avert this worsening crisis.

We look forward to receiving your timely response in view of the urgency and gravity of this matter.

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<sup>i</sup> [https://uploads-ssl.webflow.com/5fa5866942937a4d73918723/617be04a0055cf11cf716f79\\_UKMFA\\_Open\\_Letter\\_Scottish\\_Excess\\_Mortality.pdf](https://uploads-ssl.webflow.com/5fa5866942937a4d73918723/617be04a0055cf11cf716f79_UKMFA_Open_Letter_Scottish_Excess_Mortality.pdf)

<sup>ii</sup> <https://www.heraldscotland.com/news/19726487.investigation-launched-abnormal-spike-newborn-baby-deaths-scotland/>