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Dear UK Medical Freedom Alliance Scotland,

Thank you for your Open Letter. The Chief Medical Officer receive a large number of emails and is not always able to respond personally, as much as he would like to do so. On this occasion, I am responding as a statistician from Health and Social Care Analysis. Please accept my apologies for the delay.

We recognise the importance of excess mortality as one of the measures that helps us understand the impact of COVID-19 in Scotland and indeed internationally. The COVID-19 Recovery Committee is undertaking an inquiry into excess deaths in Scotland to determine the extent to which this is being caused by the COVID-19 caseload, or the indirect health effects of the pandemic. The calls for views closes on Friday 7 January 2022. For more information see the below webpage:

[Inquiry into excess deaths in Scotland since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic | Scottish Parliament Website](#)

However, we would like to note that we are unable to reproduce some of the analyses that are enclosed in your open letter, which is not in line with the methodology used by statisticians at National Records of Scotland (NRS).

Finally, there is no evidence that COVID-19 vaccines are driving the increase in excess deaths. Evidence of the benefits of the vaccination programme in the WHO European Region was published on 25 November 2021 in the journal Eurosurveillance ([Eurosurveillance | Estimated number of deaths directly averted in people 60 years and older as a result of COVID-19 vaccination in the WHO European Region, December 2020 to November 2021](#)). This analysis estimates that over 27,000 deaths have been averted amongst those aged 60 years and older in Scotland in the period December 2020 to November 2021.

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We hope this addresses your concerns.

Yours sincerely

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