

Covid-19 Deaths and Vaccinations

Response Questions 1 and 2:

Information contained in the responses to these questions was gathered from two combined data sources - Mortality Pathway data exported from the Northern Ireland Electronic Care Record (NIECR)* and an export from the Public Health Agency (PHA) COVID-19 deaths reporting form database.

Deaths identified for the purpose of reporting:

*Any death identified with one or more of the following terminology included on any part of the Medical Certificate of Cause of Death (MCCD) and/or a COVID positive PCR test.

- Covid(pneumonia/pneumonitis)
- Covid19(pneumonia/pneumonitis)
- Covid 19(pneumonia/pneumonitis)
- Covid-19(pneumonia/pneumonitis)
- SARS-Cov2(pneumonia/pneumonitis)
- Coronavirus (pneumonia/pneumonitis)

o PHA reporting Criteria: Report all individuals who have died within 28 days of a first positive COVID-19 laboratory result (based on specimen date), whether or not COVID-19 was the cause of death.

o All other deaths in which COVID-19 is clinically suspected (i.e. without a positive laboratory test result) should be recorded on the Medical Certificate of Cause of Death (MCCD).

1. How many deaths were due to Covid-19 alone and no other comorbidities listed on the Death Certificate

- From 1st March 2019 to 9th July 2021 inclusive there were 10 cases reported that had one of the above terms recorded on Part 1a of the Medical Certificate of Cause of Death (MCCD) and nothing else recorded in Parts 1b,1c or on Part 2.
- From 1st March 2019 to 9th July 2021 inclusive, there were a total of 458 cases identified who were reported to either the PHA and/or the Department of Health – 448 (97.8%) had 1 or more conditions/causes other than COVID-19 also recorded on the MCCD.

2. What is the average age of death from Covid-19 from March 2019 to date?

□ From 1st March 2019 to 9th July 2021 inclusive, from the 458 cases reported to either the PHA and/or the Department of Health the average age, at time of death, was 79 years of age.

3. How many people who have received the Covid-19 vaccine have been admitted to hospital or tested positive despite having received the vaccination?

The information requested is not held by Belfast Trust. The Public Health Agency (PHA) administers the COVID vaccination programme across Northern Ireland.

4. Has there been any illnesses registered and/or deaths caused by the Covid-19 vaccine?

Again, Belfast Trust do not hold this information.