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Dear Jamie Kinlochan ,

Thank you for your request dated 6 September under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA).

You asked:

1. For the years of 2014-2021 inclusive, how many times local authorities have notified the Scottish Government of the death of:

-A looked after child

-A care leaver

Regulation 6 of [The Looked After Children \(Scotland\) Regulations 2009 \(legislation.gov.uk\)](https://www.legislation.gov.uk) states that Scottish Ministers should be informed of the death of a young person who is looked after. In addition, the Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014 inserted a statutory duty in the Children (Scotland) 1995 Act requiring local authorities to notify Scottish Ministers and the Care Inspectorate of the death of a care leaver in receipt of a Continuing Care or Aftercare service.

Procedures in place mean that Local Authorities notify the Care Inspectorate who in turn provide information to Scottish Ministers.

Figures we have received from the Care Inspectorate state that between the years of 2014-2021 inclusive -

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Type of Notification	2014 Jan- Dec	2015 Jan- Dec	2016 Jan- Dec	2017 Jan- Dec	2018 Jan- Dec	2019 Jan- Dec	2020 Jan- Dec	2021 Jan- Sept	Grand Total
Deaths of looked after children	8	3	5	8	9	6	7	4	50
Deaths in continuing care	0	0	0	0	1	3	2	2	8
Deaths in throughcare and aftercare	0	1	6	7	4	12	15	8	53
TOTAL	8	4	11	15	14	21	24	14	111

Your right to request a review

If you are unhappy with this response to your FOI request, you may ask us to carry out an internal review of the response, by writing to our Director of Children and Families, 2A (S) Victoria Quay, Edinburgh EH6 6QQ or e-mail him at DirectorforChildrenandFamilies@gov.scot.

Your review request should explain why you are dissatisfied with this response, and should be made within 40 working days from the date when you received this letter. We will complete the review and tell you the result, within 20 working days from the date when we receive your review request.

If you are not satisfied with the result of the review, you then have the right to appeal to the Scottish Information Commissioner. More detailed information on your appeal rights is available on the Commissioner's website at:

<http://www.itspublicknowledge.info/YourRights/Unhappywiththeresponse>

I hope this is helpful.

Yours sincerely

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