Section 1: Deaths by Date of Registration

In week 26, there was a similar number of deaths registered in Northern Ireland than there have typically been in the same week in recent years.

Figure 1: Weekly number of deaths registered in Northern Ireland

Key Points – Date of Registration

- The provisional number of total deaths registered in Northern Ireland in the week ending 3rd July 2020 (week 26) was 289; six fewer than in week 25 and one more than the 5-year average of 288 (Table 1).
- Around one fifth (21.8%) of all deaths in week 26 were classified as ‘respiratory’ (63). Please note that all COVID-19 related deaths have been included in this classification.
- There have been 8,985 deaths registered in the year-to-date, 30.9% of which (2,779) were classified as ‘respiratory’. The number and proportion of respiratory deaths is higher in the year-to-date than the 5-year average (2,459; 29.8%) (Table 2).
- Eleven deaths mentioning COVID-19 on the death certificate were registered in week 26, accounting for 3.8% of all deaths in that week and bringing the total number of COVID-19 related deaths registered in calendar year 2020 to 835.
- In the calendar year to 3rd July, males and females accounted for similar proportions of all deaths registered (males: 48.9%, females: 51.1%) and COVID-19 related deaths registered (males: 49.8%; female: 50.2%) (Figure 2).
- In the calendar year to 3rd July, the 75 years and over age-group accounted for two-thirds (65.9%) of all deaths and four-fifths (80.0%) of COVID-19 related deaths (Figure 4).
- For COVID-19 related deaths, those with an address in Belfast LGD accounted for 242 (29.0%) of the 835 deaths registered in the calendar year to 3rd July (Figure 6).
Background

Deaths occurring in Northern Ireland are registered on the Northern Ireland General Register Office’s Registration System (NIROS). Daily extracts of registration records from NIROS are processed by the NISRA Vital Statistics Unit. Provisional data on deaths registered in each week (ending on a Friday) are compiled at the end of the following week*.

Cause of death coding to the ICD-10 classification is carried out by the Office for National Statistics (ONS) on NISRA’s behalf on a quarterly basis. This means that quarterly statistics are the first output to report deaths according to underlying cause. These statistics are currently available up to Quarter 4 2019.

To meet user needs, NISRA publish timely but provisional counts of death registrations in Northern Ireland in the weekly deaths provisional dataset. Weekly totals are presented alongside a 5-year weekly average as well as the lowest and highest number of deaths for the same week over the last five years. To allow time for registration and processing, these figures are published seven days after the week ends.

Due to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, from 3rd April 2020 the NISRA weekly deaths release has been supplemented with the numbers of respiratory deaths (respiratory deaths include any death where Pneumonia, Bronchitis, Bronchiolitis or Influenza are mentioned on the death certificate); and deaths relating to COVID-19 (that is, where COVID-19 or suspected COVID-19 was mentioned anywhere on the death certificate, including in combination with other health conditions).

Background Changes to the death certification and registration process during the COVID-19 pandemic

During the COVID-19 pandemic, a number of changes have been made to the usual process of certifying and registering a death which have been enabled by the Coronavirus Act 2020. More detail is available from the Department of Health website [https://www.health-ni.gov.uk/publications/covid-19-guidance-surrounding-death](https://www.health-ni.gov.uk/publications/covid-19-guidance-surrounding-death). This includes guidance to medical practitioners on how to complete the Medical Certificate of Cause of Death (MCCD) in COVID-19 related cases. In relation to who can complete the MCCD, upon which these weekly statistics are based, usual practice is that the MCCD must be signed by a doctor (Dr A) who has seen the deceased within the last 28 days or refer the case to the coroner. However, in the pandemic situation, if Dr A has treated the deceased within the last 28 days but is unable to complete the MCCD or it is impracticable for them to do so, another practitioner (Dr B) from the same hospital or GP practice, can complete the MCCD, provided the deceased died as a result of a natural illness and Dr B can state, to the best of their knowledge and belief, the cause of death. In the event that neither Dr A nor Dr B is able to complete the MCCD, any medical practitioner (Dr C) can complete it, as long as the death was as a result of a natural illness and they can state the cause of the death, to the best of their knowledge and belief. Dr C does not have to have treated the deceased within the last 28 days. Coroners’ cases will still be treated in the usual way - more detail on this is available on page 3 of the quality and methodology background information for NI death statistics at [https://www.nisra.gov.uk/sites/nisra.gov.uk/files/publications/Northern%20Ireland%20Death%20Statistics%20Quality%20Assessment_0.pdf](https://www.nisra.gov.uk/sites/nisra.gov.uk/files/publications/Northern%20Ireland%20Death%20Statistics%20Quality%20Assessment_0.pdf).

The process by which an informant registers a death has also been adapted. Usual practice is that the informant attends their local Registration Office to register a death, bringing the MCCD with them. During the pandemic, the MCCD can be sent to the General Register Office (GRO) electronically, directly from the hospital or General Practitioner certifying the death. Information required from the informant can be provided to GRO by telephone and no signature is required from the informant.

The content of this bulletin will be kept under review and more detail may be presented over the coming weeks.

* Bank Holidays could affect the number of registrations made within those weeks.
Latest death registration statistics

Table 1 shows that the provisional number of deaths registered in Northern Ireland in the week ending 3rd July 2020 (week 26) was 289; six fewer (-2.0%) than in week 25, and 1 more (+0.3%) than the 5-year average of 288.

Table 1: All Deaths registered\(^1\) weekly in Northern Ireland, 2020\(^6\)

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<tr>
<th>Registration week</th>
<th>Week ending (Friday)</th>
<th>2020(^6) Total number of deaths registered in week</th>
<th>Previous 5 Years: 2015 - 2019(^6) Average number of deaths registered in corresponding week(^1)</th>
<th>'Excess Deaths' No. of deaths above 5-year average(^2)</th>
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Year-to-date (week 1-26) Total 8,985

Note: statistics for the full year are available in the accompanying spreadsheet. P Weekly published data are provisional.

1 These data are based on registration dates of deaths, not occurrences. The majority of deaths are registered within five days in Northern Ireland.
2 The 5-year average is not a whole number so comparisons with 2020 week-on-week can vary by up to one death due to rounding.

Over the last fourteen weeks, 1,001 ‘excess deaths’ (i.e. deaths above the average for the corresponding week in previous years) have been registered in Northern Ireland, with the number of excess deaths in the year to date totalling 742. In terms of the year-to-date figures (weeks 1 to 26), the total number of deaths registered (8,985) is 9.0% higher than the 5-year average (8,243).

Figure 2: Weekly number of deaths registered above or below 5-year average (2015-2019), to 3rd July 2020
Table 2 shows that the number of death registrations mentioning COVID-19 on the death certificate increased from one in week 11 to 128 in week 16, then fell for six consecutive weeks to 20 (week 22). In the latest week (week 26) 11 COVID-19 related deaths were registered, down from 12 in the previous week (835 in total).

In week 26, 21.8% of all deaths registered mentioned terms relating directly to respiratory causes on the death certificate. (COVID-19 deaths are also included in the respiratory category). The number and proportion of respiratory deaths is below the 5-year average for the same week.

There have been 2,779 respiratory deaths registered in the year-to-date. This total number and proportion (30.9%) of respiratory deaths is higher in the year-to-date than the 5-year average (2,459, 29.8%).

Table 2: COVID-19 and respiratory deaths registered\(^1\) weekly in Northern Ireland, 2020\(^p\)

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<th>COVID-19(^2) deaths registered in week</th>
<th>Respiratory(^3) deaths registered in week (2020(^p))</th>
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<td>Year-to-date (week 1-26) Total</td>
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<td>835</td>
<td>2,779</td>
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Note: Statistics for the full year are available in the accompanying spreadsheet. \(^1\)Weekly published data are provisional.

These data are based on registrations of deaths, not occurrences. The majority of deaths are registered within five days in Northern Ireland.

\(^2\)COVID-19 deaths include any death where Coronavirus or COVID-19 (suspected or confirmed) was mentioned anywhere on the death certificate.

\(^3\)Respiratory deaths include any death where terms directly relating to respiratory causes were mentioned anywhere on the death certificate (this includes COVID-19 deaths). This is not directly comparable to the ONS figures relating to ‘deaths where the underlying cause was respiratory disease’.

\(^4\)Figures may not sum due to rounding.
**Deaths registered by sex**

In the calendar year to 3rd July 2020, males and females accounted for a similar proportion of all deaths registered (males: 48.9%, females: 51.1%) and COVID-19 related deaths registered (males: 49.8%; female 50.2%). A weekly breakdown by sex is provided in the accompanying spreadsheet.

**Figure 3: All deaths and COVID-19 deaths registered by sex, year-to-date 2020**

![Chart showing deaths by sex](chart1.png)

**Deaths registered by age-group**

In the calendar year to 3rd July, the 75 years and over age-group accounted for two-thirds (65.9%) of all deaths and four-fifths (80.0%) of COVID-19 related deaths.

The nine COVID-19 related deaths registered among those aged 75+ in week 26 (see accompanying spreadsheet) equated to 5.2% of all deaths registered for this age-group during the week (notably down from a peak of 34.8% in week 17), while the two COVID-19 related death registered among those aged 45-74 equated to 2.1% of all deaths for this age-group in week 26.

**Figure 4: All deaths and COVID-19 deaths registered by age-group, year-to-date 2020**

![Chart showing deaths by age](chart2.png)
Deaths registered by Local Government District*

Those with an address* in Belfast Local Government District (LGD) accounted for around one in five of all 8,985 deaths registered in the calendar year to 3rd July 2020 (1,856; 20.7%).

Figure 5: All deaths registered by LGD, year-to-date 2020

For COVID-19 related deaths, those with an address* in Belfast LGD accounted for 242 (29.0%) of the 835 deaths registered in the calendar year to 3rd July. Fermanagh & Omagh LGD had the fewest COVID-19 related deaths registered up to 3rd July (16).

Figure 6: COVID-19 deaths registered by LGD, year-to-date 2020

*Table 7 in the accompanying spreadsheet shows the numbers of weekly registered COVID-19 deaths which took place in care homes, disaggregated by Local Government District.

* The LGD data provided are based on the usual address of the deceased, recorded on the death certificate. Where the deceased was usually resident in NI and a home address was provided, the deceased’s usual postcode has been mapped to an LGD area. If the usual address was not provided or the deceased was usually resident outside of Northern Ireland, the place of death address issued (this is approximately 0.4% of deaths per year). Age standardised mortality rates for the period March - May 2020 are available at https://www.nisra.gov.uk/publications/monthly-deaths.
Section 2: COVID-19 Deaths by Date of Death

This section of the bulletin provides provisional, updated totals of COVID-19 deaths occurring (based on the date of death) up to 3rd July, taking account of the latest available death registrations up to and including 8th July 2020.

Overall, 839 COVID-19 related deaths had occurred in Northern Ireland by 3rd July, 10 of which occurred in the week ending 3rd July. Thursday 9th April and Wednesday 22nd April saw the greatest number of COVID-19 deaths (25) occurring in a single day. A simple 7 day moving average shows the trend in COVID deaths by smoothing daily fluctuations.

Figure 7: Daily and cumulative number of deaths involving COVID-19 in Northern Ireland

Key Points – COVID-19 deaths based on date of death

- 839 deaths mentioning COVID-19 on the death certificate have occurred in total, to 3rd July (including those registered up to and including 8th July).
- The comparative number of deaths reported by the Department of Health (DoH) to 3rd July2 was 554 (see page 9 for definitions).
- Of the 839 total deaths involving COVID-19 occurring up to 3rd July, 437 (52.1%) occurred in hospital1, 345 (41.1%) occurred in care homes, eight (1.0%) occurred in hospices and 49 (5.8%) occurred at residential addresses or another location (Figure 8).
- The 353 deaths in care homes and hospices involved 80 separate establishments.
- In the week ending 3rd July, two of the 10 COVID-19 related deaths were in care homes.

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1The majority of deaths are registered within five days in NI; data based on date of death are subject to ongoing change.
2Responsibility for reporting daily death figures moved from the Public Health Agency to the Department of Health on 19th April. Figures based on deaths that occurred up to 3rd July but including revisions to 8th July, to account for delayed notifications.
3To aid comparison, the most recent Registrar General Annual Report notes that in 2018, 48% of all deaths occurred in hospital and 19% in care/nursing homes: https://www.nisra.gov.uk/publications/registrar-general-annual-report-2018-deaths
COVID-19 deaths occurring by place of death

Of the 839 total deaths involving COVID-19 occurring up to 3rd July, 437 (52.1%) occurred in hospital, 345 (41.1%) occurred in care homes, eight (1.0%) occurred in hospices and 49 (5.8%) occurred at residential addresses or another location.

Figure 8: Cumulative number of COVID-19 related deaths occurring by Place of Death in Northern Ireland, to 3rd July 2020

Table 3: Number of COVID-19 related deaths occurring each week, by Place of Death to 3rd July 2020

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<th>Residential &amp; ‘Other’</th>
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<td><strong>437 52.1%</strong></td>
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<td><strong>8 1.0%</strong></td>
<td><strong>49 5.8%</strong></td>
<td><strong>839 100%</strong></td>
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<sup>1</sup>Includes deaths in care homes only. Care home residents who have died in a different location will be counted elsewhere in this table.
COVID-19 deaths of care home residents by place of death

This section refers to deaths of care home residents, where either (a) the death occurred in a care home, or (b) the death occurred elsewhere but the place of usual residence of the deceased was recorded as a care home. It should be noted that the statistics will not capture those cases where a care home resident died in hospital or another location and the usual address recorded on their death certificate is not a care home. In relation to part (b) of this definition, no assumptions can be made about where or when the deceased contracted COVID-19 (and all figures include probable or suspect cases).

Based on the definition above, there have been 423 deaths of care home residents involving COVID-19 in the year to date to 3rd July 2020, which is 50.4% of all COVID-19 related deaths. Of the 423 deaths, 81.6% (345) occurred in a care home, with the remaining 78 occurring in hospital (Figure 9).

Of the total deaths involving COVID-19 which occurred in hospital (437) (Table 3), 17.8% (78) were accounted for by care home residents. (Further information in Table 9 of accompanying spreadsheet)

Figure 9: Care home residents: COVID-19 deaths occurring by place of death, weekly and year-to-date 2020
Differences between NISRA’s death registration statistics and the Department of Health’s daily statistics

- The daily Northern Ireland Government updates provided by the Department of Health (DoH) (https://www.health-ni.gov.uk/news) count the number of deaths reported by health trusts, where the deceased had a positive test for COVID-19 and died within 28 days, whether or not COVID-19 was the cause of death. DoH figures will not capture all deaths that do not meet this definition. These data are important because they are available earlier, and therefore give a quicker indication of what is happening day by day and are broadly comparable with the figures released daily in other parts of the United Kingdom (UK). The DoH reported 554 deaths associated with COVID-19 by 3rd July 2020. This figure includes revisions up to 8th July to account for delayed notifications. Responsibility for reporting the daily updates moved from the Public Health Agency (PHA) to the DoH on 19th April.

- NISRA weekly provisional death statistics, which are based on death registration information collected by the General Register Office, count all deaths where COVID-19 was mentioned on the death certificate by the doctor who certified the death, whether or not COVID-19 was the primary underlying cause of death. The figures include cases where the doctor noted that there was suspected or probable coronavirus infection involved in the death. As a result the weekly totals will usually be higher than the relevant daily figures - because the DoH daily updates only include those who have tested positive for the virus. The NISRA figures include all deaths that occur outside hospital and are comparable with weekly statistics produced by the Office for National Statistics and National Records Scotland. NISRA figures published today show the total number of COVID-19 related deaths registered by 3rd July 2020 was 835. Deaths statistics based on date of registration will be subject to only minimal change.

- However, by analysing the registration based data using the date the death occurred (rather than date of registration with the General Register Office), the statistics show that 839 deaths associated with COVID-19 had occurred by 3rd July. This figure is based on deaths registered up to 8th July 2020 and is the most appropriate figure to use to understand additional deaths beyond those reported via the DoH’s daily bulletin. However it is also subject to ongoing change as not all deaths which occurred by 3rd July will have been registered at the time of publishing these statistics.

Figure 10 below graphically demonstrates the cumulative number of deaths involving COVID-19 in Northern Ireland using different data sources up to 3rd July 2020.

The latest NISRA figures show that, by 3rd July 2020, 839 deaths had occurred involving COVID-19, based on registrations up to 8th July 2020. DoH figures available for the same period show a total of 554 deaths.

Figure 10: Cumulative number of deaths involving COVID-19 in Northern Ireland using different data sources up to 3rd July 2020

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**Links to relevant publications**

Deaths registered weekly in England & Wales
https://www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepopulationandcommunity/birthsdeathsandmarriages/deaths

Weekly Data on Deaths Registered in Scotland

Vital statistics (Central Statistics Office, Ireland)

Northern Ireland Department of Health daily COVID-19 figures
https://www.health-ni.gov.uk/news and daily dashboard

Number of coronavirus (COVID-19) cases and risk in the UK

COVID-19 Health Surveillance Monitor (Ireland)

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