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Dear Sir George,

As National Statistician and Chief Executive of the UK Statistics Authority, I am responding to your Parliamentary Question asking how many care home residents have died of COVID-19 since the start of the COVID-19 outbreak to date (**183079**).

The Office for National Statistics (ONS) publishes mortality data that are compiled from information supplied when deaths are certified and registered as part of civil registration in England and Wales. The term "care home residents" refers to all deaths where either (a) the death occurred in a care home or (b) the death occurred elsewhere but the place of residence of the deceased was recorded as a care home.

National Records for Scotland<sup>1</sup> and the Northern Ireland Statistics and Research Agency<sup>2</sup> are responsible for publishing statistics on deaths registered in Scotland and Northern Ireland respectively.

Table 1 below shows the number of deaths involving COVID-19 for England and Wales registered between the week ending 20 March 2020 and the week ending 9 April 2021. The first ONS registered care home resident death involving COVID-19 occurred in week ending 20 March 2020. The week ending 9 April 2021 is the most recent data we have available. This data is publicly available within our weekly deaths publications. Data for 2020<sup>3</sup> and 2021<sup>4</sup> have been aggregated.

Yours sincerely,

**Professor Sir Ian Diamond**

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<sup>1</sup><https://www.nrscotland.gov.uk/><sup>2</sup><https://www.nisra.gov.uk/><sup>3</sup><https://www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepopulationandcommunity/healthandsocialcare/socialcare/adhocs/12812weeklyprovisionalfiguresofcarehomeresidentdeathsregisteredinenglandandwales2020><sup>4</sup><https://www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepopulationandcommunity/birthsdeathsandmarriages/deaths/datasets/carehomeresidentdeathsregisteredinenglandandwalesprovisional>

**Table 1: Number of deaths involving COVID-19 among care home residents by country registered between week ending 20<sup>th</sup> March 2020 and the ending 9<sup>th</sup> April 2021<sup>56789</sup>**

<b>Country</b>	<b>Number of deaths</b>
England	40,105
Wales	2,163

Source: ONS

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<sup>5</sup>Figures for 2020 and 2021 are provisional.

<sup>6</sup>Deaths for England and Wales exclude non-residents.

<sup>7</sup>The International Classification of Diseases, Tenth Edition (ICD-10) definitions are as follows: coronavirus (COVID-19) (U07.1 and U07.2). From the 26 February 2021 new ICD-10 codes for COVID-19 issued by the World Health Organisation (WHO) have been implemented for deaths involving COVID-19. The new codes are U09.9 (post-COVID condition, where the acute COVID had ended before the condition immediately causing death occurred) and U10.9 (Multisystem inflammatory syndrome associated with COVID-19, also called Kawasaki-like syndrome, a specific, uncommon effect of COVID-19 in children).

<sup>8</sup>Deaths "involving COVID-19" includes deaths that had COVID-19 mentioned anywhere on the death certificate.

<sup>9</sup>These figures represent death registrations; there can be a delay between the date a death occurred and the date a death was registered.