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Dear Mr Tahir,

As National Statistician and Chief Executive of the UK Statistics Authority, I am responding to your Parliamentary Questions asking how many deaths occurred in care homes in Birmingham, Hall Green in each month in 2019 (**73088**); and how many deaths occurred in care homes in Birmingham, Hall Green in each month of 2020 (**73091**).

The Office for National Statistics (ONS) is responsible for publishing mortality statistics for deaths registered in England and Wales. The most recent annual figures published are for deaths registered in 2019<sup>1</sup>. However, we do publish provisional data on weekly deaths registrations, which are currently published for deaths registered up to 3 July 2020<sup>2</sup>.

Our mortality statistics publications do not include data on the number of deaths within care homes by parliamentary constituency. In response to the need to provide publicly available information about deaths involving COVID-19, provisional weekly data on deaths registered for all causes, and deaths involving COVID-19, have been disaggregated by local authority and place of occurrence in an accompanying dataset to the weekly deaths bulletin<sup>3</sup>.

Consequently, we are unable to provide information on the number of deaths that occurred in care homes in Birmingham, Hall Green. However, we are able to provide information on the number of deaths for Birmingham local authority. The following tables provide a month by month breakdown of number of deaths that occurred in care homes in Birmingham in 2019 (Table 1), and the provisional number of deaths that occurred between 1 January and 30 June 2020 that were registered by 11 July 2020 (Table 2).

Yours sincerely,

**Professor Sir Ian Diamond**

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<sup>1</sup><https://www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepopulationandcommunity/birthsdeathsandmarriages/deaths/datasets/deathsregisteredinenglandandwalesseriesdrreferencetables>

<sup>2</sup><https://www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepopulationandcommunity/birthsdeathsandmarriages/deaths/bulletins/deathsregisteredweeklyinenglandandwalesprovisional/weekending3july2020>

<sup>3</sup><https://www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepopulationandcommunity/healthandsocialcare/causesofdeath/datasets/deathregistrationsandoccurrencesbylocalauthorityandhealthboard>

**Table 1: Number of deaths occurring in care homes, Birmingham local authority, deaths occurring in 2019<sup>456</sup>**

<b>Month/Year</b>	<b>Deaths</b>
01 2019	96
02 2019	98
03 2019	87
04 2019	99
05 2019	99
06 2019	88
07 2019	111
08 2019	90
09 2019	91
10 2019	105
11 2019	100
12 2019	145

Source: ONS

**Table 2: Provisional number of deaths occurring in care homes, Birmingham local authority, deaths occurring in 2020<sup>7</sup>**

<b>Month/Year</b>	<b>Deaths</b>
01 2020	124
02 2020	116
03 2020	176
04 2020	416
05 2020	165
06 2020	90

Source: ONS

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<sup>4</sup>Figures are for deaths occurring in care homes, defined using the May 2020 Communal Establishment lookup.

<sup>5</sup>Figures are based on postcode of place of death and therefore include deaths of non-residents. Birmingham Local Authority area was defined using May 2020 National Statistics Postcode Lookup boundaries.

<sup>6</sup>Figures are based on deaths that occurred between 1 January 2019 and 31 December 2019 and may be a underestimate due to registration delays. Further information on registration delays can be found on the ONS website via this link: [Impact of registration delays on mortality statistics in England and Wales: 2018](#).

<sup>7</sup>Figures are based on deaths that occurred between 1 January 2020 and 30 June 2020 and were registered by 11 June 2020. There may be a underestimate due to registration delays. Further information on registration delays can be found on the ONS website via this link: [Impact of registration delays on mortality statistics in England and Wales: 2018](#).