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T.R.A.O Speedy

By email: fyi-request-13532-c8f43ad7@requests.fyi.org.nz  
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Dear T.R.A.O Speedy

**Response to your request for official information**

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) on 17 August 2020 for:

*"I would like to know out of all COVID-19 deaths in New Zealand, how many of these had a pre-existing medical condition at their time of death"*

Eleven of the 22 COVID-19 deaths had an underlying condition reported. This is outlined in the 24 July 2020 Institute of Environmental Science and Research (ESR) summary report which is publicly available on the ESR website: <https://esr2.cwp.govt.nz/assets/files/Intel-reports-COVID-19/24-July/ESR0865-Monthly-Covid-report-published-6-August-2020-vs-2.pdf>.

I trust this information fulfils your request. Under section 28(3) of the Act you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review any decisions made under this request.

Yours sincerely



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