



**Paper Title: Vital Events Update**

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<b>Security marking</b>	Not sensitive
<b>Can this be shared wider than PAMS?</b>	Yes
<b>Actions for PAMS members ahead of meeting</b>	Paper is for information
<b>Aims for discussion</b>	To update PAMS on the latest activities of our unit.
<b>Key questions for PAMS members</b>	What improvements would you like to see in how we present and communicate our outputs?
<b>What is required from PAMS members</b>	Whilst the paper is for information, comments are invited from PAMS members.

## Population And Migration Statistics (PAMS) Committee (Scotland)

### Vital Events Statistics - update

#### Weekly/Monthly deaths

In March 2023 we changed the focus of our regular provisional mortality publications to include more detail about different causes of death. In doing this, we also dropped the COVID-19 focussed name from the publications to make it more general. In the weekly report no COVID-19 info was dropped and in the monthly report only slow changing COVID-19 info was dropped. This info will, however, be available in other places. A new COVID-19 annual publication will be released in July 2023 to cover most of the areas that were left out of the monthly report.

#### Weekly/Monthly births

In March 2023 we made changes to how we publish statistics on the number of births registered each week. We increased the frequency of the publication from monthly to weekly, to provide more up to date data and we changed the style of the publication to a more accessible format.

In April 2023 we changed the style of our publication on the number of births registered each month to a more accessible format.

#### Summer Publication timetable

**June:** 2023 Q1 vital events.

**July:** Vital Events Reference Tables 2022. Covid-19 deaths 2022. Historic Baby names 1935-73.

**August:** Alzheimer's and other dementia deaths 2022. Drug-related deaths 2022. Probable Suicides. Alcohol-specific deaths 2022.

Each month we will also publish the monthly mortality analysis for the deaths in the previous month.

#### Life Expectancy and Healthy Life Expectancy

We have just run a user consultation on when we will next publish life expectancy in Scotland for 2020-2022. We offered users the choice of either waiting until the rebased population estimates were available in 2024 or publishing in September 2023 using population projections for 2022. We had 17 responses to the consultation. Based on these responses we will publish life expectancy estimates in September 2023 using population projections. These estimates will be revised (along with the back series) once the new population estimates based on the 2022 census and the revised back series are available.

These estimates will include life expectancy figures for Scotland, Local areas and Health board areas only. We expect to publish the same for healthy life expectancy at a later date.

### **Baby Names**

We released baby names data for 2022 on 30 March 2023. We held a media event in Glasgow and received a lot of coverage in the media (notably on BBC Reporting Scotland and STV evening news). We have been working on historic baby names data and are now in a position to release this data. We will make the top 100 baby names by sex available for births registered between 1935 and 1973 in July 2023.

### **NRS Vital Events**

#### **May 2023**