

Providers are required to notify the CQC of a death where the person died while a regulated activity was being provided, or where their death may have been a result of the regulated activity or how it was provided. More information regarding notifications from providers can be found on the [CQC's website](#).

From 10 April 2020 (when data are first available) to 8 May 2020, there were 3,161 deaths of recipients of domiciliary care in England, this is 1,990 deaths higher than the three-year average (1,171 deaths) for the same time period. Of the 3,161 deaths to home care residents, 593 (18.8%) of these involved COVID-19. This is lower than the 43.7% of deaths involving COVID-19 among care home residents notified to the CQC for the same time period.

The Care Inspectorate Wales (CIW) do not hold information on deaths in domiciliary care services as these services are not legally required to notify CIW of deaths. The ONS data do not contain information on whether a person was in receipt of domiciliary care, so no direct comparisons are possible.

## 9 . Deaths data

[Deaths involving COVID-19 within the care sector](#)

Dataset | Released 15 May 2020

Provisional counts of the number of deaths in care home residents registered in England and Wales, by age, sex and region.

## 10 . Glossary

### Coronaviruses

The World Health Organization (WHO) defines [coronaviruses](#) as "a large family of viruses that are known to cause illness ranging from the common cold to more severe diseases such as Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (MERS) and Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS). Between 2001 and 2018, there were 12 deaths in England and Wales because of a coronavirus infection, with a further 13 deaths mentioning the virus as a contributory factor on the death certificate.

### Coronavirus (COVID-19)

COVID-19 refers to the "coronavirus disease 2019" and is a disease that can affect the lungs and airways. It is caused by a type of coronavirus. [Further information](#) is available from the WHO.

### Pre-existing condition

A pre-existing condition is defined as any condition that either preceded the disease of interest (for example, COVID-19) in the sequence of events leading to death or was a contributory factor in the death but was not part of the causal sequence.