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Dear Mr Davies,

As National Statistician and Chief Executive of the UK Statistics Authority, I am responding to your Parliamentary Question asking, pursuant to the Answers of 24 April 2023 to Questions 181813 and 181814, what estimate has been made of when the UK Statistics Authority will publish that information for 2022 (**183304**).

The release *Alcohol-specific deaths in the UK: registered in 2022* will be published in December 2023. A finalised date will appear on the Office for National Statistics (ONS) release calendar in due course. We will send this release to you once published.

Provisional ONS data for 2022 is available via the Office for Health Improvement and Disparities (OHID) Wider Impacts of COVID-19 on Health (WICH) monitoring tool¹ which suggests that alcohol-related deaths in England and Wales are continuing to rise. The ONS release in December will be the final, quality assured publication, reflecting our assessment of any trend. The release will be published in December to allow time to gather data from National Records Scotland and the Northern Ireland Statistics and Research Agency on alcohol-specific deaths in Scotland and Northern Ireland and produce a UK level release.

Data for 2022 showing the number of deaths due to obesity will be available from mid-2023. The latest number of deaths due to obesity in 2021 can be accessed via NOMIS².

Yours sincerely,



Professor Sir Ian Diamond

¹<https://analytics.phe.gov.uk/apps/covid-19-indirect-effects/>

²<https://www.nomisweb.co.uk/>