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Dear Simona Panaitescu, Ashleigh Goldie, Ian Nohar and Andrew McGovern,

DEATHS RESULTING FROM THE ADMINISTERING OF COVID VACCINES

Thank you for your email dated 26 August 2021. I am responding to you as Deputy Crown Agent for the Serious Casework Group of the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service (COPFS) with overarching responsibility for the investigation of all sudden, unexpected and unexplained deaths in Scotland.

As I understand, you are requesting an official investigation into deaths that have occurred following the administering of the COVID-19 vaccine.

At the outset, it may be of assistance if I explain the role of COPFS in relation to the investigation of deaths in Scotland. The basic principle in our system is that all sudden, unexpected, and unexplained deaths should be reported to COPFS. That is so that the cause of death can be determined, and so that any further investigations can then be carried out.

In cases where there is no evidence that a crime has occurred, an investigation may, depending on the circumstances, nonetheless be justified in the public interest, to establish the circumstances of the death with a view to ascertaining whether any lessons can be learned to prevent deaths occurring in similar circumstances in the future, and so that consideration can be given to whether a Fatal Accident Inquiry should be instructed.

In relation to every death that is reported to COPFS, the extent of the investigation that requires to be carried out will depend on the individual circumstances surrounding the death.

I note in your correspondence you state that "there have been no official autopsies or professional investigations of this medical disaster". For the reasons explained above, I can assure you that COPFS conducts thorough investigations in respect of every sudden, unexplained and unexpected death. In many cases, a post mortem

examination will be required in order to establish the cause of death. The need for a post mortem examination will turn on the particular circumstances of each death.

If you believe that you have evidence of criminality in relation to the administering of COVID-19 vaccinations, I would invite you to pass that on to the Police Service of Scotland so that they can review this information and submit a report to COPFS for consideration if appropriate.

I hope this information is helpful.

Yours sincerely



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