

THE SIKH NETWORK

Connecting & representing Sikhs around the Sikh Manifesto & UK Sikh Survey



Sikh Doctors Association

COVID-19 URGENT DATA REQUEST

03 April 2020

Dear Gurdwara Executives

We urgently need to collect data on the number of Sikhs that are falling to Covid-19 as numbers are growing very rapidly. No public body in the UK collects any data on the number of Sikh deaths in total or from the Corona Virus Covid-19.

ONS collects data on a weekly basis using records on registration of deaths that record the cause of death but has no Sikh specific information. Usually in the month of March the weekly number of deaths is between 10,000-11,000. On the basis Sikhs are 1% of the population this suggests around 100-110 deaths each week.

ONS data suggests the number of deaths from Covid-19 was 0.05% for the week ending 13 March, this increased to 0.97% for week ending 20 March. The data for the week ending 27 March has not been released but is likely to be around 5% and the data for the week ending 3 April will be around 20%.

Due to this critical data gap, as a community we must again collect our own data ourselves. This will be essential to understand how and where this virus is affecting the Sikh community and importantly the proportionality of Sikhs suffering compared with the UK population.

Can you please provide the data requested in the table below and return this form to info@thesikhnetwork.com or Whatsapp: [07967 655655](tel:07967655655)

Name of Gurdwara	Week ending	Total Deaths	Covid-19 Deaths
	13-Mar-20		
	20-Mar-20		
	27-Mar-20		
	03-Apr-20		

Please also provide your contract number and email for regular updates:

Name: _____ Number: _____

Email: _____

Kind regards
The Sikh Network
Sikh Council UK
Sikh Doctors Association