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**Re: PQ 40512/20 To ask the Minister for Health the number of nursing students who contracted Covid-19 since the outbreak in March 2020, by month in tabular form.**

Dear Deputy Gannon

I refer to the above Parliamentary Question which has been referred by the Minister for Health to the Health Service Executive for direct response.

Since March and as of 15/11/2020, 31 laboratory confirmed COVID-19 cases in student nurses were reported on the national infectious disease notification system (CIDR) at the Health Protection Surveillance Centre (HPSC).

For data protection reasons, when the number of cases sums to fewer than five the data are represented as such (<5) (Table 1).

Please note that CIDR is a dynamic information system and data are continuously validated and updated; data extracted 16/11/2020.

**Table 1. Number of COVID-19 cases in student nurses notified to the HPSC via CIDR up to 15/11/2020 by month (n=31).**

Month	Number of Cases
March	<5
April	12
May	5
June	<5
July	<5
August	<5
September	<5
October	6
November	<5
<b>Total</b>	<b>31</b>

If you require any further information or clarification please do contact us.

Yours sincerely,



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