

28th July 2020

Deputy Pearse Doherty
Dáil Éireann
Kildare Street
Dublin 2

Re: PQ 13866/20

Question: "To ask the Minister for Health the number of HSE and private home support staff that were tested for Covid-19 by county; the number that remain to be tested by county in tabular form in 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter."

Dear Deputy Doherty,

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

The National Public Health Emergency Team (NPHE) requested a planned programme of serial testing of all staff in residential care facilities (RCFs) for older people. The programme commenced on June 24th, 2020 and the final day of testing was July 26th, 2020. This programme involved testing of all staff in RCFs for COVID-19 once a week, for four consecutive weeks. We tested 99,705 staff in 563 residential care facilities for older persons.

The data reported to NPHE was broken down by Community Healthcare Organisation (CHO) and please see below for your information.

CHO	Tested
CHO1	7,890
CHO2	11,784
CHO3	8,136
CHO4	16,853
CHO5	13,495
CHO6	9,771
CHO7	8,590
CHO8	10,849
CHO9	12,337
Total	99,705

I trust this addresses your question.

Yours sincerely,



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