

28th July 2020

Deputy Róisín Shortall
Dáil Éireann
Kildare Street
Dublin 2

Re: PQ 17591/20

Question: “To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons that have been alerted through the new Covid-19 tracker app that they are a close contact of a confirmed case of Covid-19”.


Dear Deputy Shortall,

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

I wish to advise that the following information is as of today 28th July and to advise that 137 people have received a close contact alert. To note the app protects user's privacy by allowing them to choose if they share data with the HSE. This means that we do not have a record of the total number of close contact alerts as this happens on a person's phone.

I trust this addresses your question.

Yours sincerely,



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