



Feidhmeannacht na Seirbhíse Sláinte
Health Service Executive

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PQ 6038/20 * *To ask the Minister for Health the number of phone calls made to the HSE drug and alcohol helpline between 1 February 2020 and 1 May 2020; the number made to the helpline between the same dates in 2018 and 2019, respectively; the number of the daily positive Covid-19 cases which are persons with hospital-acquired Covid-19; and the number of such persons that have lost their lives*

Dear Deputy Tóibín,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

The table below identifies the contacts made to the HSE Drug and Alcohol helpline on the dates in question.

	Total Calls and emails	Drug and Alcohol calls and emails (contacts)
Feb 1st-May 1st 2020	1836 (504 COVID19)	1020
Feb 1st-May 1st 2019	1536	1234
Feb 1st-May 1st 2018	875	711

There was a spike in calls specifically related to COVID19 during the second week on March which may have contributed to a reduction in the number of calls relating to drugs and alcohol during that time.

In relation to the second part of your question, we have asked the Health Protection Surveillance Centre and they have provided the following from the National Computerised Infectious Disease Reporting system (CIDR). Data extracted from CIDR on May 23rd at 16:45.

Due to the small numbers notified on a daily basis, these data are provided as a cumulative total from the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The total number of hospitalised COVID-19 patients reported on CIDR is 3,301 and the total number of deaths in hospitalised COVID-19 patients is 664. Of these, 213 cases met the COVID-19 hospital-acquired case definition, 58 of whom have died.

The definition for a COVID-19 hospital-acquired case can be found at <https://www.hpsc.ie/a-z/respiratory/coronavirus/novelcoronavirus/casedefinitions/>

I trust this is of assistance.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Carol Ivory', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Carol Ivory
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