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PQ7065/20: To ask the Minister for Health the number of MRSA cases reported to the HSE in hospitals from January to April 2020.

Dear Deputy Donnelly,

The above PQ has been forwarded to me for direct response to you on same.

The latest figures available, although not yet published as all our routine work got interrupted due to COVID-19, are the complete annual data up to the end of 2019. Data collection for Q1 2020 (Jan-Mar) is on-going while returns for Q2 2020 (Apr-Jun) would not be expected until sometime during Q3 2020.

In 2019, we received 1,186 reports of *S. aureus* bloodstream infections, of which 144 (12.1%) were MRSA. This compares with 1,188 reports of *S. aureus* bloodstream infections in 2018, of which 147 (12.4%) were MRSA.

These figures come from EARS-Net which collects data on the first isolate per patient per year.

I trust this information will be of assistance to you

Yours sincerely,

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