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Re: **PQ Number:** 8280/20

**Question: To ask the Minister for Health the breakdown of COVID-19 deaths by age, profession, socio-economic class, gender and details of underlying illnesses; and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

Dear Deputy Boyd Barrett

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

HPSC has been informed of 1,400 deaths among cases with confirmed COVID-19 infection up to June 1<sup>st</sup>.

51.3% (n=718) of these deaths were in men and 48.7% (n=682) were in women.

The majority of deaths were in those over the age of 75 at 78.3% (n=1097). Further detail is given in the following table.

<b>Age group</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>%</b>
0-4 yrs	≤5	-
5-14 yrs	≤5	-
15-24 yrs	≤5	-
25-34 yrs	≤5	-
35-44 yrs	10	0.7%
45-54 yrs	23	1.6%
55-64 yrs	59	4.2%
65-74 yrs	204	14.6%
75-84 yrs	478	34.1%
85+ yrs	619	44.2%



91.6% (n=1282) of those who have died with confirmed COVID-19 had at least one underlying medical condition.

The most commonly reported underlying medical condition among those who had died was chronic heart disease, being present in 38.7% (n=542) of cases who have died.

Further detail on underlying conditions among those who have died is given in the following table.

<b>Underlying Condition</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>%</b>
Chronic heart disease	542	38.7%
Chronic neurological disease	403	28.8%
Chronic respiratory disease	227	16.2%
Cancer/malignancy	185	13.2%
Diabetes	182	13.0%
Chronic kidney disease	136	9.7%
Immunodeficiency including HIV	31	2.2%
BMI $\geq$ 40	25	1.8%
Asthma requiring medication	23	1.6%
Chronic liver disease	22	1.6%

Information on socio-economic class of those who have died from COVID-19 is not presently available.

The majority occupation for those who have died with confirmed COVID-19 is assumed to be retired, given the age distribution of deaths.

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

Yours sincerely,

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