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Re: PQ 35299/20

To ask the Minister for Health the number of nursing home residents or staff members that have tested positive for Covid-19 since 1 September 2020; and the number that have died.

Dear Deputy Tóibín

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

Response:

Data Source: CIDR 02/12/2020 10.45am

- 1. Number of healthcare workers (HCW) working in Community Hospital/Long Stay Unit or Nursing homes that have tested positive for COVID-19 since September 1st 2020 and the number that have died.** The Health Protection Surveillance Centre (HPSC) has been notified of a total of 879 cases and no deaths among confirmed cases of COVID-19 in healthcare workers (HCW) working in Community Hospital/Long Stay Unit or Nursing homes with epi dates[^] 01/09/2020 to 02/12/2020 (Table 1).

Of the 879 cases, 491 (56%) were linked to outbreaks in Community Hospital/Long Stay Unit or Nursing homes. There were 119 (14%) cases in HCWs of Community Hospital/Long Stay Unit or Nursing homes that were linked to outbreaks in other locations*. Of the 879 cases, 269 (31%) were sporadic i.e. confirmed cases in HCWs of Community Hospital/Long Stay Unit or Nursing homes that were reported as unlinked to any outbreak at those locations.

- 2. Number of nursing home residents that have tested positive for COVID-19 since September 1st 2020 and the number that have died.** The HPSC has been notified of a total of 438 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in residents of Community Hospital/Long Stay Unit or Nursing homes with epi dates 01/09/2020 to 02/12/2020. Of these cases 404 (92%) were associated with outbreaks in Community Hospital/Long Stay Unit or Nursing homes. There were 24 (5%) cases in residents of Community Hospital/Long Stay Unit or Nursing homes that were linked to outbreaks in other locations*. A further 10 (2%) cases were sporadic i.e. confirmed cases in residents of Community Hospital/Long Stay Unit or Nursing homes reported as unlinked to any outbreak. Of these 10 sporadic cases, two died.

There were 602 confirmed COVID-19 cases that were linked to Nursing home and Community Hospital/Long-stay unit outbreaks whose status as HCW or resident was reported as unknown or other. However, 398

(66%) were aged 65 years or older and all 22 cases that died in the unknown/other category were of this age group.

There were 77 outbreak-linked confirmed cases in residents of Community Hospital/Long Stay Unit or Nursing homes who died. The total number of nursing home residents who died due to COVID-19 in this time period was 101 residents.

Table 1: Number of confirmed cases of COVID-19 and deaths (outbreak-associated or sporadic) in healthcare workers and residents of Community Hospital/Long Stay Unit or Nursing homes with epi dates 01/09/2020 to 02/12/2020

	Nursing home/ Community Hospital/Long stay-unit outbreak-associated cases				Other outbreak-associated cases			Sporadic cases		
	HCW	Resident	Unknown/other	Total	HCW	Resident	Total	HCW	Resident	Total
Died		69	22	91		8	8		2	2
Total cases	491	404	602	1497	119	24	143	269	10	279

Notes:

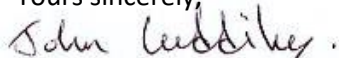
See the case definition for COVID-19 at <https://www.hpsc.ie/a-z/respiratory/coronavirus/novelcoronavirus/casedefinitions/>

^epi date is the epidemiological date is based on the earliest of dates available on the case and taken from date of onset of symptoms, date of diagnosis, laboratory specimen collection date, laboratory received date, laboratory reported date or event creation date/notification date on CIDR

*'other outbreak location' was a location other than Community Hospital/Long Stay Unit or Nursing homes

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

Yours sincerely,



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