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Deputy Peadar Tóibín Dáil Éireann, Kildare Street, Dublin 2

Re: PQ number 35300 & 35301. Please note answers to both Parliamentary queries are included below.

Questions:

To ask the Minister for Health the name and location of each nursing home which is currently dealing with an outbreak of Covid-19 - Peadar Tóibín.

## To ask the Minister for Health the breakdown of the 51 Covid-19 ongoing outbreaks in nursing homes; and the size of each cluster - Peadar Tóibín

Dear Deputy Peadar Tóibín

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

## Response:

Between March 1<sup>st</sup> and November 16<sup>th</sup>, there were a total of 381 COVID-19 outbreaks reported in nursing homes and community hospitals/long stay units in Ireland. There were 7989 linked notified cases of whom 7767 were laboratory confirmed. This includes cases among staff as well as residents. There were 1159 deaths, 974 of these were laboratory confirmed.

As of November 16<sup>th</sup>, there are 1061 linked laboratory confirmed cases (including staff and residents), and 68 deaths associated with fifty-one current outbreaks.

HPSC cannot provide details of outbreaks in individual nursing homes as this may potentially identify individuals.

Table 1 below provides the number of nursing home outbreaks, and the number of linked laboratory-confirmed cases by HSE-area, for the 51 current COVID-19 outbreaks notified to the national Computerised Infectious Disease Reporting system (CIDR).

Table 1 Number of current Nursing Home and Community Hospital/Long Stay Unit Outbreaks notified on CIDR byHSE-area, and number of linked notified laboratory confirmed cases

HSE-area	Number of outbreaks	Number of linked laboratory confirmed cases
E	20	232
М	5	172
MW	1	40
NE	8	129
NW	1	4
SE	2	82
S	9	169
W	5	233
Total	51	1061

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

Yours sincerely,

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