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Deputy Mairead Farrell
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Re: PQ number 38382/20 To ask the Minister for Health the number of deaths that occurred as a result of Covid-19 for September and October 2020, by county in nursing homes, direct provision and meat factories in tabular form; if he will provide additional information such as age groups and nationality; and if he will make a statement on the matter

Dear Deputy Farrell

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

This response describes cases of COVID-19 notified to the Health Protection Surveillance Centre (HPSC) who died in September or October 2020. Data were extracted from HPSC's Computerised Infectious Disease Reporting System (CIDR) on November 25th at 10:06 am. CIDR is a dynamic system and case details may be updated at any time. Therefore, the data described here may differ from previously reported data and data reported for the same time period in the future.

In total, 156 cases of COVID-19 were reported to have died in September or October 2020. Of these 156 deaths, 66 cases were reported to be residents of nursing homes, none were reported to be living in Direct Provision and none were reported to work in meat factories or to have been associated with outbreaks in meat factories.

Of the 66 nursing home residents who died, 65 were laboratory confirmed cases and one was a possible case. Case definitions for COVID-19 are available on the HPSC website: <https://www.hpsc.ie/a-z/respiratory/coronavirus/novelcoronavirus/casedefinitions/covid-19interimcasedefinitionforireland/>

The cause of death was deemed to be due to COVID-19 for 59 of these cases, the cause of death is pending for 6 cases and the cause of death was deemed not to be due to COVID-19 for 1 case. Of the 65 deaths associated with nursing homes, that were either due to COVID-19 or for whom cause of death is pending, 23 were born in Ireland and country of birth was not reported for the remaining 42.

Table 1 provides a breakdown of the number of COVID-19 cases who died in September or October (excluding those whose cause of death was deemed not to be due to COVID-19) age group and setting. We can give the number of deaths by age group, but not by county because at that geographical level we can't report small numbers for confidentiality reasons.

Table 1. Cases of COVID-19 who died in September or October (excluding those whose cause of death was deemed not to be due to COVID-19), and who were associated with nursing home, direct provision or meat factory settings by age group

Number of deaths associated with nursing homes by age group					Number of deaths associated with Direct Provision	Number of deaths associated with meat factories
Total number of deaths	45-54 yrs	65-74 yrs	75-84 yrs	85+ yrs		
65	1	4	23	37	0	0

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

Yours sincerely,



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