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PQ: 28564/20, Mattie McGrath

PQ Question: to ask the Minister for Health the number of Covid-19 related deaths reported in August and September 2020 that occurred in a hospital setting; the other settings in which these deaths occurred; the number of deaths that occurred in nursing homes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. – Mattie McGrath Due date:20/10/2020

Dear Mr. McGrath,

As per data on the Computerised Infectious Disease Reporting System (CIDR) at the Health Protection Surveillance Centre (HPSC) on Tuesday 13th of October at 9.15am, there were 38 notified COVID-19 events with a date of death in August or September. Ten (26%) of these cases had a hospital setting recorded as the place of death and three (8%) cases had nursing home reported as the place of death. The place of death has not been recorded on CIDR for the remaining 25 (66%) COVID-19 cases with a date of death in August or September. However, comments recorded on CIDR indicate that one further case died in a hospital setting (bringing the total to 11) and two further deaths occurred in nursing homes (bringing the total to 5). Please note that a further 10 cases were listed as hospital inpatients at their time of COVID-19 diagnosis. However, it is not possible for the HPSC to confirm, based on the available data, whether or not these individuals died in a hospital setting. Similarly, five additional cases with no recorded hospital admissions were indicated to reside in a nursing home setting, but the HPSC has insufficient data at this time to determine whether or not they died in the nursing home where they resided prior to death.

I trust that this answers your query.

Yours sincerely,

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