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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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