



Health Protection Surveillance Centre
25-27 Middle Gardiner Street
Dublin, Ireland,
D01 A4A3
Ph +353 1 8765300
Fx +353 1 8561299
info@hpsc.ie
www.hpsc.ie

21st April 2021

Deputy Bríd Smith
Dáil Éireann,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2

Re: PQ 18266/21 To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE has records of the number of homecare workers who have tested positive for Covid-19 during the past three months; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Smith

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

For the three month period between 01/01/2021 to 31/03/2021, 99 laboratory confirmed cases of COVID-19 notified to the HPSC were identified as healthcare workers with a 'homecare' role. During the same period 14,080 confirmed cases of COVID-19 notified to the HPSC were identified as healthcare workers.

This figure reflects only cases who self-identified as a healthcare worker. It may not be reflective of all those providing care in a home setting, if they do not self-identify as a healthcare worker.

Self-reported employment status/occupation is asked of all confirmed cases of COVID-19 regardless of the most likely source of transmission. However, occupation data is incomplete and may not capture all cases within a particular occupational group. Reported-occupation data does not indicate that COVID-19 was contracted during the course of a person's occupation/employment.

Data were extracted from the Health Protection Surveillance Centre's (HPSC) Computerised Infectious Disease Reporting System (CIDR) on April 12th 2021. 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.

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

Yours sincerely,

Dr John Cuddihy,
Interim Director of HPSC,
25-27, Middle Gardiner St.,
Dublin 1.
MRN: 016227