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Deputy Louise O'Reilly
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Re: PQ 10004/21 To ask the Minister for Health the breakdown by location for the transmission of the Covid-19 virus listed as community transmission; if a more detailed breakdown of the locations in which the virus is spreading in the community will be provided;

Dear Deputy O'Reilly

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

Cases that have their most likely transmission source reported as "community transmission" are cases that cannot attribute the source of their infection to:

- * Being travel related
- * Being a close contact of a known confirmed case
- * Acquiring their infection in a healthcare setting as a patient
- * Acquiring their infection in a healthcare setting as a healthcare worker

In general, these cases cannot identify where they might have acquired their infection.

Therefore, it is not possible to provide a breakdown of locations where this group of cases may have acquired their infection.

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

Yours sincerely,

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