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Deputy Catherine Connolly
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Re: PQ 1608/21 To ask the Minister for Health the number of deaths that occurred as a result of Covid-19 in nursing homes, direct provision and meat factories by county in November and December 2020, in tabular form; the age and nationality of each person concerned; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Connolly

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 data on confirmed cases of COVID-19 whose date of death was reported to the national infectious disease surveillance system (CIDR) as being in November or December 2020. Data were extracted from CIDR on January 25th 2021 at 16.45. 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 November and December 2020, 339 deaths were recorded. Of these, none were linked to outbreaks in Direct Provision Centres or meat factories. One hundred and fourteen were linked to outbreaks in nursing homes. These 114 deaths were linked to 33 outbreaks in 18 counties. In November, 52 deaths were notified across 19 outbreaks, while 62 deaths were notified across a further 14 outbreaks in December. Ten counties reported five or more deaths (Table 1) while 20 additional deaths were reported across a further 8 counties*. Number of deaths per county ranged from 1 to 4 deaths with a mean age of 80 years.

*Cavan, Clare, Galway, Kildare, Mayo, Offaly, Waterford and Wicklow.

Information on nationality is not collected on cases of COVID-19 on CIDR. A proxy for nationality on CIDR is 'country of birth'. This field was completed 39% (n=45) of deaths. Where country of birth was available, all were born in Ireland (n=69).

Table 1: Nursing home deaths by county

County	Number of nursing home deaths	Average age (years)	Min age (years)	Max age (years)
Cork	12	86.5	80	93
Dublin	22	89.5	76	98
Kerry	10	87.7	78	100
Kilkenny	5	80.2	78	84
Limerick	8	82.9	58	98
Louth	10	82.8	72	98
Meath	5	82.4	71	92
Roscommon	9	88.2	78	98
Tipperary	7	88.6	75	102
Westmeath	6	87.8	78	94
Grand Total	114[^]	86.5	58	102

[^]Includes 20 additional deaths in the eight counties referenced by *but not shown in the table

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

Yours sincerely,



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