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Deputy Mark Ward  
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**Re: PQ 3228/21 To ask the Minister for Health when Covid-19 contact tracers are conducting a positive patient assessment with health care professionals, the number who indicated that the transmission source was in relation to inadequate PPE; and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

Dear Deputy Ward

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

HPSC would advise that an analytical study would be required to accurately investigate inadequate PPE use.

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

Yours sincerely,

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