



17 February 2021

Deputy Fergus O'Dowd, TD
Dáil Eireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

Dear Deputy O'Dowd,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) is replying to you on behalf of the Department of Health following your recent query to the Minister for Health regarding the number of outbreaks of Covid-19 in nursing homes and other long-term care facilities since 1 January 2021 by county and the ownership and management of such facility, that is, private, HSE or not-for-profit; the number of fatalities in each such category since 1 January 2021.

PQ 3402/21: To ask the Minister for Health the number of outbreaks of Covid-19 in nursing homes and other long-term care facilities since 1 January 2021 by county and the ownership and management of such facility, that is, private, HSE or not-for-profit; the number of fatalities in each such category since 1 January 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

The number of outbreaks of Covid-19 in nursing homes and other long-term care facilities since 1 January 2021 by county is outlined in the below table. Please note, the total figure represents the reported live outbreaks on that date, as per the Computerised Infectious Disease Reporting (CIDR). As CIDR is a live system and they are concurrently updating the data and validating it may be the case that this will differ from the validated notified outbreaks previously reported;

Outbreak County	04/01/2021	06/01/2021	17/01/2021	21/01/2021	24/01/2021	25/01/2021	26/01/2021	27/01/2021	28/01/2021	29/01/2021
Carlow	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Cavan	1		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Clare		1	3	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
Cork	4	11	16	20	20	19	20	20	19	19
Donegal	3	7	7	8	6	6	6	6	6	6
Dublin	19	23	37	44	43	44	44	44	45	44
Galway	2	3	11	10	10	10	10	9	10	9
Kerry	1	4	4	3	3	4	4	4	4	4
Kildare	2	2	2	3	5	5	4	4	4	2
Kilkenny	3	3	3	5	5	5	5	4	4	4
Laois	2		2	1	1	1	2	1	1	1



Limerick		2	5	7	7	7	8	7	8	9
Longford	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Louth	2	3	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7
Mayo	3	9	10	11	10	10	10	11	12	12
Meath			2	4	4	4	5	5	5	5
Monaghan	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2
Offaly	1	2	4	4	4	4	4	4	5	5
Roscommon	1	5	5	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
Sligo					1	1	1	1	1	1
Tipperary	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Waterford	2	3	4	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
Westmeath	2	2	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Wexford	4	5	9	9	10	10	10	10	10	10
Wicklow	2	3	5	5	5	5	6	5	6	6
(blank)	5	6	7	4	6	6	10	14	10	15
Total	66	101	150	169	171	172	180	180	181	184

In relation to the second element of your query, regarding the number of outbreaks in public versus private facilities, the breakdown is provided below. Once again, the total figure represents the reported live outbreaks on that date as per the CIDR;

Type of Facility	Date									
	04/01/2021	06/01/2021	17/01/2021	21/01/2021	24/01/2021	25/01/2021	26/01/2021	27/01/2021	28/01/2021	29/01/2021
Public / Private	021	021	021	021	021	021	021	021	021	021
Private	55	83	126	141	143	143	149	150	151	154
Public	11	18	24	28	28	29	31	30	30	30
Total	66	101	150	169	171	172	180	180	181	184



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In relation to the final element of your query, as of 12 February 2021, the current total of deaths in CIDR that are indicated as having occurred in January and linked to an outbreak location of Nursing home is 478. Once again, as CIDR is a live system and they are concurrently updating the data and validating it may be the case that this will differ from the validated notified deaths reported previously.

Type of Facility	RIPS
Public / Private	
Private	407
Public	71
Total	478

Yours sincerely

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