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To ask the Minister for Health if data pertaining to the number of hospital-acquired Covid-19 infections and the number who are in hospital for medical issues other than Covid-19 but who subsequently test positive for Covid-19 can be published weekly; if not, the reason; if this data is available; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy McGrath,

In June 2020 the HSE implemented a dedicated process for the weekly monitoring and review of hospital inpatient acquired COVID-19 cases. Control of hospital acquired COVID-19 is critical to protect patients from infection; to protect healthcare workers from exposure and to reassure prospective patients who need hospital services that it is safe to come to hospital.

The information you have requested is currently not published weekly, data received is subject to frequent updates thus the most reliable and quality assured data we have is monthly HA Covid-19 cases which is available upon request. To be of assistance I have attached monthly hospital acquired Covid-19 cases data. The table provides the number of hospital acquired COVID cases between April and September 2021 by hospital. The cases that are less than or equal to 5 have been replaced with ≤ 5 , so individuals can not be identified; this is in line with HSE GDPR policies and procedures.

I trust these data and response is helpful.

Yours sincerely,



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