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Deputy Peadar Toibin
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Re: PQ 54621/21 To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons in the State who contracted Covid-19 in a hospital setting; and the number of persons who died after contracting Covid-19 in a hospital setting since the start of the pandemic

Dear Deputy Toibin

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

Data source: Data were extracted from the Computerised Infectious Diseases Reporting (CIDR) system at the Health Protection Surveillance Centre (HPSC) on 15/11/2021 at 15.00pm.

Please note that CIDR is a dynamic database and data are updated on an ongoing basis. For this reason, the data reported here may not match previously reported data or data reported in the future relating to the same time period.

Data range: From 01/03/2020 to 13.30pm 15/11/2021

Response:

Please note that it is not possible to identify sporadic cases that may have contracted COVID-19 in a hospital setting. The following response relates to COVID-19 cases that were linked to COVID-19 outbreaks that occurred in acute hospitals, but it is also not possible to confirm that all cases linked to these outbreaks contracted COVID-19 while in the hospital setting.

A total of 6,627 confirmed cases of COVID-19 have been linked to COVID-19 outbreaks in acute hospitals since the beginning of the pandemic in Ireland. This number contains a mixture of patients and healthcare staff.

A total of 841 cases linked to acute hospital COVID-19 outbreaks have died (836 confirmed COVID-19 cases; 5 possible COVID-19 cases).

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

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lois O'Connor". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent 'L' and 'O'.

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