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Deputy Peadar Toibin
Dáil Éireann,
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Re: PQ 54622/21 To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons in the State who contracted Covid-19 in a residential care setting and or nursing home; and the number of persons who died after contracting Covid-19 in a residential care setting and or nursing home 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

The following response relates to COVID-19 cases that were linked to COVID-19 outbreaks that occurred in residential institutions (community hospital/long-stay units, centres for older people, centres for disabilities, mental health facilities, children's/women's refuges, children's residential centres, hospices, respite centres, convents/residential homes for religious orders) or nursing homes. This response does not include sporadic cases that may have occurred in these settings as data on whether sporadic COVID-19 cases live in a residential setting may be incomplete and should be interpreted with caution. Please note that it is also not possible to confirm that all cases linked to these outbreaks contracted COVID-19 while in these settings.

A total of 21,936 confirmed cases of COVID-19 have been linked to COVID-19 outbreaks in residential care or nursing home settings since the beginning of the pandemic in Ireland. This number contains a mixture of patients and healthcare staff.

A total of 2,457 cases linked to residential institution or nursing home COVID-19 outbreaks have died (2,274 confirmed COVID-19 cases; 71 probable COVID-19 cases, 112 possible COVID-19 cases).

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

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lois O'Connor". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'L' and 'O'.

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