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Deputy Marc MacSharry
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Re: PQ 57279/21 To ask the Minister for Health the breakdown of all Covid-19 deaths that occurred between 1 September and 12 November 2021, inclusive; the age profile and the existence or non-existence of an underlying condition of the persons admitted to hospital; the underlying condition; the location in which it is believed the deceased person contracted the virus in the first instance in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy MacSharry

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 14/12/2021. 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.

As of 14 December 2021, 449 COVID-19 deaths with a date of death between 1 September 2021 and 12 November 2021 were reported on CIDR.

Cases ranged in age from 14 to 103 years, with a mean age of 78 years and a median age of 79 years. The age group of cases is summarised in Table 1. Sixty-six percent of cases (n=296) are known to have had an underlying condition. Forty-two percent of cases (n=187) were linked to outbreaks, of whom 63.1% were linked to outbreaks in nursing homes.

Table 1: Summary characteristics of COVID-19 deaths in Ireland, cases with a date death from 01/09/2021 to 12/11/2021

		Number of cases	Percentage of cases
Age	under 45 yrs	7	1.6
	45-54 yrs	21	4.7
	55-64 yrs	41	9.1
	65-74 yrs	88	19.6
	75-84 yrs	139	31.0
	85+ yrs	153	34.1
Underlying clinical conditions	Yes	296	65.9
	No	50	11.1
	Unknown	103	22.9
Hospitalised		306	68.2
Admitted to ICU		101	36.3
Most likely source of transmission*	Under investigation	176	39.2
	Community transmission	108	24.1
	Healthcare setting acquired: patient	106	23.6
	Close contact with a known confirmed case	55	12.3
	Travel related	4	0.9
Linked to an outbreak		187	41.6
Outbreak location	Nursing home	118	63.1
	Hospital	49	26.2
	Comm. Hosp/Long-stay unit	10	5.4
	Residential institution	4	2.1
	Other	6	3.2
Total		449	

*Most likely source of transmission may not yet be updated for all cases.

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

Yours sincerely,



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