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Deputy Peadar Tóibín
Dáil Éireann
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60801/22 To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons who contracted Covid-19 in a hospital setting on a monthly basis since the start of the pandemic. -

Dear Deputy Tóibín,

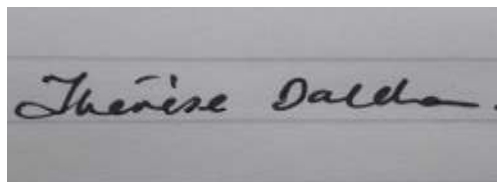
The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

In general it is not possible to be certain regarding where and when a person acquired COVID-19 infection. For the purpose of surveillance of hospital acquired COVID-19 activity the HSE uses a standard definition that takes account of the ECDC case definition. This definition excludes most cases of community acquired infection and includes most cases relating to inpatients with hospital acquired infection. These data have been collated on a monthly basis since Jan 2021 and prior to Jan 2021, were collated on a weekly basis only. Therefore the totals from June to Dec 2020 as supplied in the format below. Please note that data below relates to numbers of reported cases (not persons as per your question) and should be interpreted in the context of evolving and updated guidance on testing of patients for COVID-19 over the duration of the pandemic.

| National Total | Jun-2020 - Dec 2020 | Jan-21 | Feb-21 | Mar-21 | Apr-21 | May-21 | Jun-21 | Jul-21 | Aug-21 | Sep-21 | Oct-21 | Nov-21 | Dec-21 | Jan-22 | Feb-22 | Mar-22 | Apr-22 | May-22 | Jun-22 | Jul-22 | Aug-22 | Sep-22 | Oct-22 |
|-----------------|---------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Number of cases | 789 | 1,460 | 422 | 226 | 58 | 5 | 5 | 45 | 148 | 144 | 225 | 205 | 219 | 810 | 669 | 1,817 | 652 | 219 | 768 | 875 | 329 | 420 | 699 |

I trust this answers your question to your satisfaction.

Yours sincerely,



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