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Deputy Duncan Smith
Dáil Éireann,
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Re: PQ Number: 58175/22: To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a breakdown of Covid-19-related deaths in each month to date in 2022, between medically immunosuppressed persons and persons whose immune systems are not interfered with by medication, and between persons who are fully vaccinated and unvaccinated.

Dear Deputy Smith

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

The Health Protection Surveillance Centre (HPSC) undertakes the surveillance of all notifiable infectious diseases in Ireland as outlined in the list of notifiable infectious diseases on the HPSC website at www.hpsc.ie. COVID-19 is a notifiable infectious disease in Ireland.

Under the 1981, infectious diseases regulations and subsequent amendments, it is mandatory for clinicians and clinical laboratories to notify any cases of COVID-19 to the regional Director of Public Health and then onwards to the HPSC for the collation of surveillance and epidemiological data on COVID-19. Subsequently, outcomes for these COVID-19 cases (including deaths) are also reported to HPSC by coroners, the general register office (GRO) and clinicians in healthcare settings. The COVID-19 related deaths reported to HPSC include information from all of these sources and are reflected in COVID-19 death totals.

Currently HPSC does not have information on the vaccination status or on the immune status of COVID-19 cases who have died due to COVID-19 and so is unable to provide these data.

The number of COVID-19 deaths notified to HPSC on CIDR from January 1st 2022 up to midnight on 12th November 2022 is 1,976. This includes deaths in confirmed, probable and possible COVID-19 cases (see case definition in technical notes below). Table 1 provides the number of notified COVID-19 deaths per month between 1st January 2022 and 12th November 2022.

HPSC also publishes a monthly COVID-19 deaths report on the HPSC website which includes information on the number of deaths per month:

<https://www.hpsc.ie/a-z/respiratory/coronavirus/novelcoronavirus/surveillance/covid-19deathsreportedinireland/>

Table 1: The number of COVID-19 deaths notified to HPSC between 1st January 2022 and 12th November 2022 per month

Year	Month	Number of deaths *
2022	January	323
2022	February	229
2022	March	339
2022	April	360
2022	May	131
2022	June	115
2022	July	187
2022	August	111
2022	September	61
2022	October	103
2022	November	17

Technical Notes.

COVID-19 Case definition:

- The COVID-19 case definitions used in Ireland are defined on the HPSC website: <https://www.hpsc.ie/a-z/respiratory/coronavirus/novelcoronavirus/casedefinitions/>

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

Yours sincerely,



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