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Deputy Paul Murphy, Dáil Eireann, Leinster House, Kildare Street, Dublin 2.

Dear Deputy Murphy,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the following Parliamentary Questions, which was submitted to this Department for response.

PQ 53949/22

To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide the list of 128 nursing homes of concern that HIQA provided the HSE as stated by the 2020 expert panel; the number of those homes that went into crisis and the death rate in those homes in tabular form.

During the initial outbreak of Covid-19 HIQA identified a number of facilities of concern for the purpose of providing immediate interventions. Covid-19 Response Teams were stood up in each CHO area whose main role was and still is the co-ordination of these interventions across all Older Person Residential Care Facilities.

Facilities of concern were mainly identified based on the outbreak ratio of residents as well as the number of staff on Covid-19 related leave. It is very important to note during that period, facilities identified as being of concern changed on a daily basis based on local teams and HIQA reported concerns. The referenced list of 128 Nursing Homes of concern is not a list that HSE can specifically identify or provide based on examination of our records.

The mortality rates for individual facilities/outbreaks cannot be provided as the release of specific data may inadvertently compromise individual's personal and private information.

CRTs continue to identify facilities of concern and co-ordinate appropriate Covid-19 outbreak responses as appropriate and HIQA continue to provide reports where they identify this is necessary.

Yours sincerely,

General Manager Services for Older People Community Operations