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Deputy Peadar Tóibín, Dáil Éireann, Kildare Street, Dublin 2

Re: PQ number 5256/22 To ask the Minister for Health the total number of persons who died from Covid-19, having contracted it while in hospital for a non-Covid related condition, since the start of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Dear Deputy Tóibín,

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

Please note that it is not possible to reliably identify sporadic cases that may have contracted COVID-19 in a hospital setting. The following response relates to COVID-19 cases that were linked to COVID-19 outbreaks that occurred in acute hospitals. Being associated with an outbreak in a hospital is a proxy for acquiring infection in the hospital setting. However, it is not possible to confirm that all cases linked to these outbreaks contracted COVID-19 while in the hospital setting. HPSC does not hold data on the reason for admission for these cases.

A total of 12,582 confirmed cases of COVID-19 have been linked to COVID-19 outbreaks in acute hospitals since the beginning of the pandemic in Ireland. This number contains a mixture of patients and healthcare staff.

A total of 1,126 cases linked to acute hospital COVID-19 outbreaks have died (1,121 confirmed COVID-19 cases; 5 possible COVID-19 cases).

Data source: Data were extracted from the Computerised Infectious Diseases Reporting (CIDR) system at the Health Protection Surveillance Centre (HPSC) on 08/02/2023 at 14.00pm.

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 14.00pm 08/02/2023

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

Yours sincerely,

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