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20th February 2023

Deputy Peadar Tóibín,
Dáil Éireann,
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Re: PQ number 5257/23 To ask the Minister for Health the total number of persons who died from Covid-19 or with Covid-19 in HSE-run disability residential centres 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.

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.

The total number of COVID-19 deaths notified to HPSC on the computerised infectious diseases reporting system (CIDR) in cases associated with outbreaks in residential disability service facilities from 1st March 2020 up to midnight on the 19th February 2023 is 59. This includes deaths in confirmed, probable and possible COVID-19 cases (see case definition in technical notes below).

HPSC also publishes a monthly COVID-19 deaths report on the HPSC website which includes information on the number of deaths in residential institutions:

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

Technical Notes

COVID-19 case definition:

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



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

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. Martin', written over a light blue horizontal line.

Dr. Gregory Martin

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