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Deputy Peadar Tóibín,
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Re: PQ number 5258/23 To ask the Minister for Health the total number of persons who died from Covid-19 or with Covid-19 in HSE-run mental health 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.

Please note that the computerised infectious diseases reporting system (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.

The total number of COVID-19 deaths notified to HPSC on CIDR from 1st March 2020 up to midnight on the 19th February 2023 is 8,545. This includes deaths in confirmed, probable and possible COVID-19 cases (see case definition in technical notes below). The number of COVID-19 deaths notified to HPSC with place of death as being in a Mental Health Facility from 1st March 2020 up to midnight on the 19th February 2023 is 6.

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:



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- 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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