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Dear Deputy Murphy,

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Question: To ask the Minister for Health the number of concerns or complaints that were received by the HSE adult safeguarding teams in regards to nursing homes since March 2020, in tabular form; of the number related to public nursing homes, private nursing homes and people living in the community, and also a breakdown by count, and the number of private nursing homes allowed or denied entrance to fully investigate the concerns or complaints; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

The HSE launched the National Safeguarding Vulnerable Persons at Risk of Abuse, National Policy and Procedures in December 2014 and the HSE Adult Safeguarding Service is delivered by teams of social workers based across the nine HSE Community Health Care Organisations. The remit of this policy is to manage safeguarding concerns within disabilities and older persons HSE and HSE funded services in addition to community concerns.

In responding to your question the following clarification will dictate the information that the National Safeguarding Office can provide you with

1. The request does not specify the age category of the service users- the response will provide total concerns reported by service and community for all and classified by over/under 65 years.



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2. Note that the National Safeguarding Office is in the final stages of procuring for a safeguarding case management system, in the interim the data is limited and we are unable to provide the public/private data requested.
3. Furthermore, private nursing homes lie outside the remit of the policy however our safeguarding teams, on request do provide advice support and assistance to private nursing homes.
4. The HSE does not routinely collect information on the number of private nursing homes that have allowed or denied entrance to investigate a concern
5. As requested data will be provided for 2020 and 2021. The data for 2022 is currently being validated and will not be published until June 2023 therefore is not available at this juncture.

Table 1

	18-64 Years		65+	
	2020	2021	2020	2021
Total Number of Concerns Reported	5630	7896	2891	3652
Service	5254	7442	1122	1591
Community	376	454	1769	2061

Yours Sincerely,

Tim Hanly



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