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PQ 23005/23- To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide data regarding the number of deaths recorded as prescription related overdose from 2011 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Colm Burke

Dear Deputy Burke,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

Hospital Inpatient Enquiry (HIPE) department have advised that the data systems cannot identify if a drug is prescription related, or an over-the-counter bought drug.

Further, HIPE is unable to identify if a patient death is related to any one condition. A patient may be admitted with one diagnosis, yet die of another unrelated condition.

I trust this is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

Nessa Lynch
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