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Deputy Michael Ring,
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Re: PQ 45873/23 To ask the Minister for Health how many people have died in Ireland from an illness (details supplied - AIDS) per year from 2014 to 2021 inclusive, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Ring,

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

Acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS) is not a notifiable disease in Ireland and HPSC does not collect information on every new diagnosis of an AIDS defining illness. It is therefore not possible for HPSC to ascertain how many people have died in Ireland due to an AIDS-defining illness.

HPSC collects information on every new Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) diagnosis that is made as HIV is a notifiable disease in Ireland. As part of the data collection process, additional data are requested from the clinician including whether the case had an AIDS-defining illness **at the time** of their HIV diagnosis and whether they died **at the time** of their HIV diagnosis¹. As the data are limited to the time of HIV diagnosis, any subsequent AIDS defining illnesses or a change in outcome (i.e. death) are not routinely reported to HPSC. Table 1 below provides a summary of information that is captured on CIDR (Computerised Infectious Disease Reporting system) that may be relevant to this query.

Table 1 Deaths reported among people diagnosed with HIV (at the time of HIV diagnosis only), 2014 to 2021

	HIV notifications where the person is reported on CIDR to have died		
	Total	With AIDS defining illness at HIV diagnosis	Without AIDS defining illness at HIV diagnosis
2014	2	1	1
2015	5	1	4
2016	4	1	3
2017	4	2	2
2018	2	2	0
2019	2	1	1
2020	5	3	2
2021	1	1	0
Total	25	12	13

¹ Please note that enhanced data are not provided on all new HIV diagnoses.



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Data extracted from CIDR 14/11/2023

CSO Vital Statistics Report

The CSO vital statistics report provides data on the number of deaths reported in a given year where the cause of death is due to HIV/AIDS. Please note it is not possible to link the two data sets (vital statistics and CIDR).

The CSO Vital statistics report is available at <https://www.cso.ie/en/releasesandpublications/ep/p-vs/vitalstatisticsyearlysummary2022/> (Table 18 provides information on deaths registered classified by cause).

Notes:

- The latest HIV data is available at <https://www.hpsc.ie/a-z/hivandaids/hivdataandreports/>
- The data provided in Table 1, extracted from CIDR on 14/11/2023, is correct at the time of publication and is subject to ongoing review and validation.

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

Yours sincerely,

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