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PQ 45875/23 – To ask the Minister for Health how many people have died in Ireland from a condition (details supplied) per year from 2014 to 2021 inclusive, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Michael Ring

Details Supplied: Cardiac arrest

Dear Deputy Ring,

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.

HIPE is a health information system, managed by the Healthcare Pricing Office (HPO) of HSE Finance and is designed to collect clinical and administrative data on discharges from, and deaths in, acute public hospitals in Ireland. HIPE discharges are clinically coded from charts in the hospitals, this includes translating medical terminology into alpha-numeric code and using the entire chart to extract the conditions and procedures to create an adequate picture of the patient's health care encounter.

HIPE colleagues have advised that it is not possible to determine whether a patient died from cardiac arrest. They advised the number of patients who died and had a cardiac arrest code during the discharge could be provided. However, this would not be indicative of the cause of death and would not complete the information request in this instance.

HIPE colleagues advised the Central Statistics Office publish data relating to cause of death:
<https://www.cso.ie/en/statistics/birthsdeathsandmarriages/>

I trust this is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

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