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Deaths from Covid-19

Information contained in this response was gathered from two combined data sources - Mortality Pathway data exported from the Northern Ireland Electronic Care Record (NIECR)* and an export from the Public Health Agency (PHA) COVID-19 deaths reporting form database.

Deaths identified for the purpose of reporting:

* Any death identified with one or more of the following terminology included on any part of the Medical Certificate of Cause of Death (MCCD) and/or a COVID positive PCR test.

- Covid (pneumonia/pneumonitis)
- Covid19 (pneumonia/pneumonitis)
- Covid 19 (pneumonia/pneumonitis)
- Covid-19 (pneumonia/pneumonitis)
- SARS-Cov2 (pneumonia/pneumonitis)
- Coronavirus (pneumonia/pneumonitis)

o PHA reporting Criteria: Report all individuals who have died within 28 days of a first positive COVID-19 laboratory result (based on specimen date), whether or not COVID-19 was the cause of death.

o All other deaths in which COVID-19 is clinically suspected (i.e. without a positive laboratory test result) should be recorded on the Medical Certificate of Cause of Death (MCCD).

Questions

How many people have died in your Hospitals from Covid 19 and only Covid 19? I have seen your figures online, but these are deaths within 28 days of a positive Covid test, so they could have died from other causes I just want to know the exact figures from January 1st 2021 until April 1st 2021 for death due to Covid 19 alone.

From 1 January to 31 March 2021 inclusive there were 6 cases that had one of terms above recorded on Part 1a of the death certificate and nothing further recorded on parts 1b, 1c or on part 2.

The number and percentage of those with 'underlying health conditions 'in the overall total?

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From 1 January to 31 March 2021 inclusive there were 150 cases reported to the PHA and/or to the Department of Health. 144 (96%) cases also had other causes or conditions recorded on the MCCD.

The number and percentage of those without 'underlying health conditions'

From 1 January to 31 March 2021 inclusive there were 6 (4%) cases that had no other causes/conditions recorded on parts 1b, 1c or part 2