

April 1st 2021

By Email to csitmail@justice.ie

Coroner Service Implementation Team
Department of Justice,
Athlumney House,
Johnstown,
Navan,
Co Meath,
Ireland

Re: Recent Excess Deaths in Irish Nursing Homes

Dear Sirs,

I am contacting you in relation to your core function in investigating sudden and unexplained deaths and in identifying matters of public interest that can have life / death consequences. In that regard, I wish to make you aware of a recent large number of deaths in excess of what would be normally be expected in Irish Nursing Homes and ask you to investigate these as a matter of urgency. I have written to the Garda National Bureau of Criminal Investigation and D/Chief Superintendent Walter O'Sullivan has responded stating that it is the duty of the coroner to inquire into the circumstances of these deaths.

I would like you to investigate whether these deaths were, or should have been, reported to the Coroner under the Coroners Act, 1962 -2019 (rules of law) under any of the following conditions as follows: -

13. Any death caused wholly or partly by any of the following: -

- (a) a notifiable disease, in particular COVID-19
- (b) an adverse reaction to any drug, in particular COVID-19 vaccines.

16. Any death occurring in a hospital or other health institution: -

- (b) within 24 hours of presentation or admission, whichever is the later, or
- (c) of a person transferred from a nursing home.

20. Any death which may be due to any healthcare acquired infection.

23. Any death occurring in: -

- (b) any public or private institution for the care of elderly or infirm persons, including a nursing home

The graph on page 3 indicates an overall excess of approximately 500 deaths across the 572 HIQA registered nursing homes for the 6-week period beginning 11 Jan 2021.

Pages 4 to 8 show detailed daily graphs and tables of the deaths in a selection of five of the nursing homes indicating 97 sudden and unexplained deaths over the above-mentioned period whilst there were very few deaths in weeks leading up to the period in those homes. I have attached 47 GRO death record for the above deaths which have been registered and which indicate only vague

causes of death. You will no doubt have many questions regarding the death records, the five homes are: -

- Blackrock Abbey, Co. Louth - 18 deaths
- Carechoice Ballynoe, Co. Cork - 26 deaths
- Beech Park Nursing Home, Co. Kildare - 16 deaths
- Lucan Lodge Nursing Home, Co. Dublin - 15 deaths
- St. Michael's Nursing Home, Co. Limerick -22 deaths

I note that the 47 official GRO death records that I have obtained do not adequately reflect the requirements of the Death Notification Form (DNF) which must be completed by a registered medical practitioner who attended the diseased directly after death. It is not possible to determine from the death records exactly: -

Part 1(a): Disease or condition directly leading to death, (this does not mean the mode of dying e.g. heart failure etc., it means the disease that caused death) due to (or as consequence of)

Part 1(b): Antecedent Causes (morbid conditions, if any, giving rise to the above cause stating the underlying condition last) due to (or as consequence of)

Part 1(c): Further Antecedent Causes

Part 2: Other Significant Conditions (contributing to the death but not related to the disease or condition causing it)

On that basis I find that the cause of these deaths has not been fully explained and that an investigation is required to determine the causes of the deaths and to properly complete the death records as per the DNF requirements.

I also attach a 20-page list of all of the 572 HIQA registered nursing homes indicating the total sudden excess in deaths during the period mentioned for the individual homes. As can be seen from this list, approximately half of the nursing homes had significant excess deaths in the weeks directly after the dates their COVID-19 vaccinations were scheduled and may indicate a serious adverse drug reaction to the vaccine. If an adverse reaction to the vaccinations has contributed to these deaths, it has the potential to adversely affect the health of all Irish citizens due to the planned ongoing rollout to every citizen.

I feel a moral obligation to report these excess deaths to you and recommend an immediate suspension of the COVID-19 vaccination programme rollout as a precautionary measure. The high numbers of recent deaths in nursing homes must be fully investigated and explained to ensure that the vaccinations are not contributing to the recent excessive number of deaths.

Can you please urgently reply to me directly with the name of a coroner whom you have appointed to lead this investigation and provide a reference number for the case? I am available to give further information regarding what I have discovered and to assist you in your investigations if required.

Regards

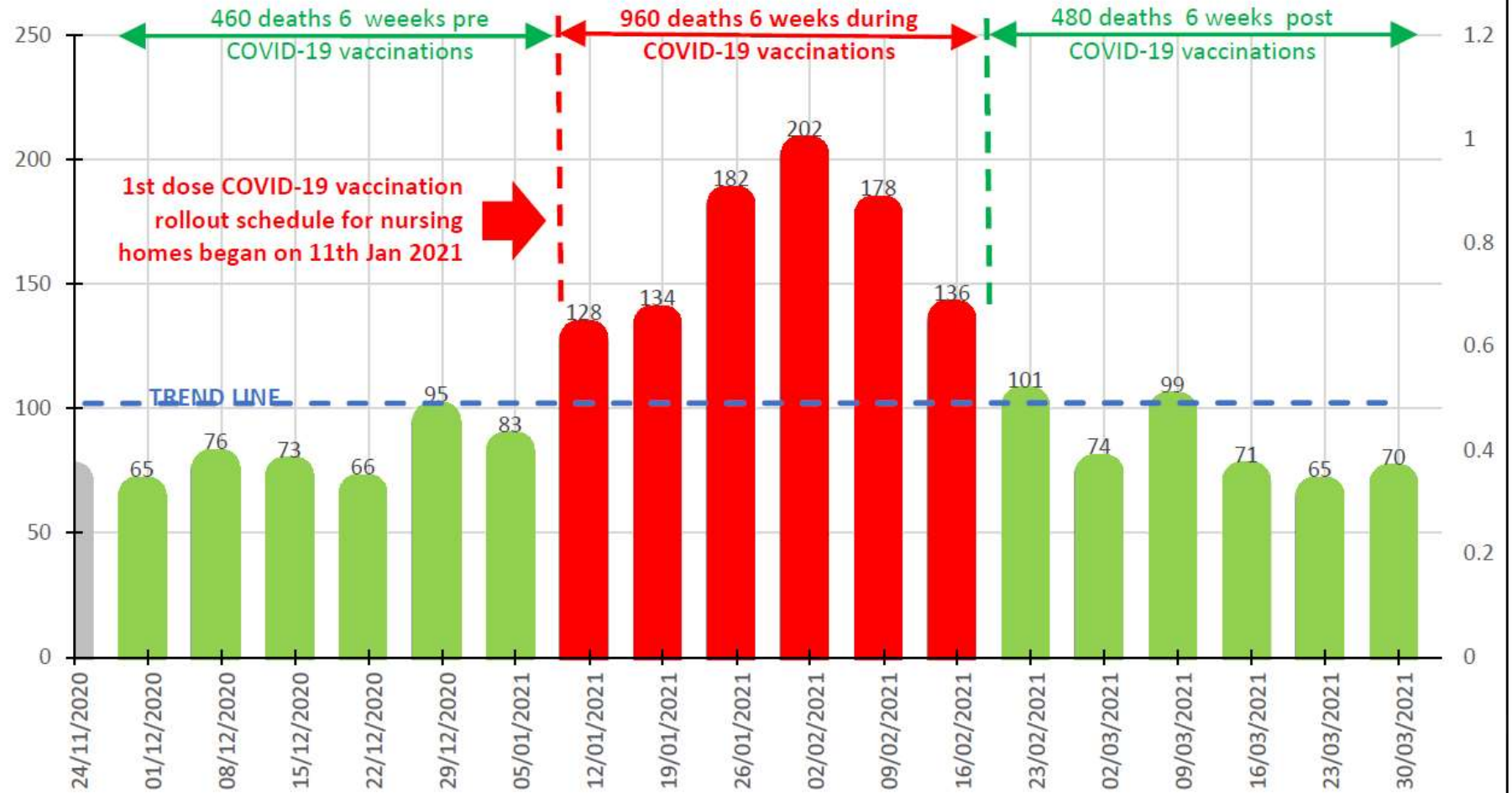
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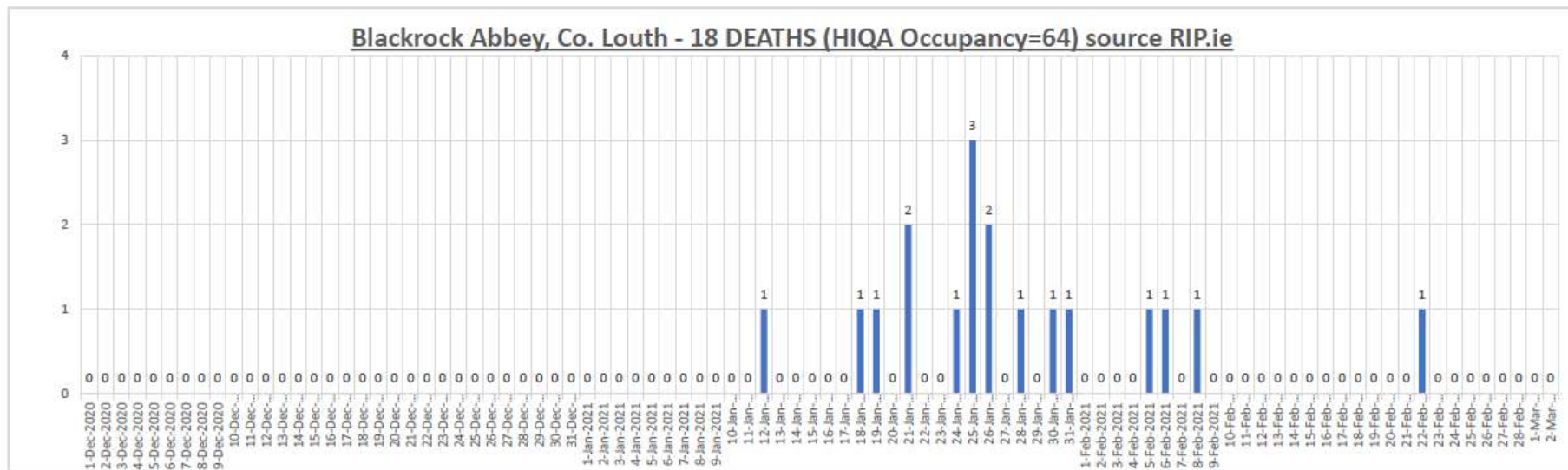
C/c: D/Chief Superintendent Walter O'Sullivan Garda
National Bureau of Criminal Investigation

Deaths identified in the 572 HIQA Registered Nursing Homes in Ireland

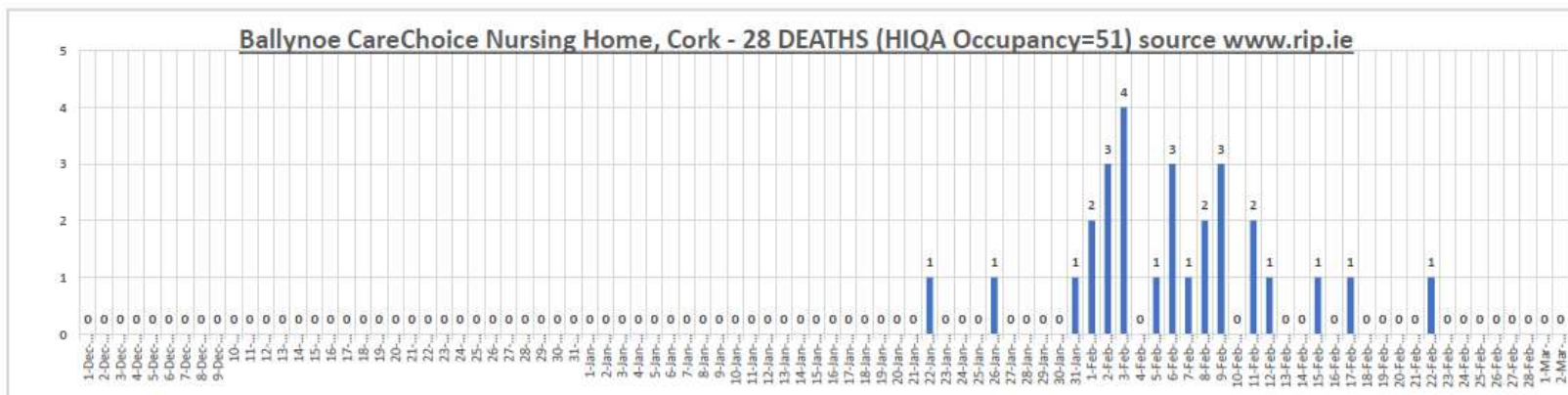
Issue date 31/03/2021 - data source www.rip.ie - number of deaths will rise as data collection continues



Blackrock Abbey, Co. Louth - 18 DEATHS - Source www.rip.ie							
PERSON	RIP.ie REF	DIED	TOWN	COUNTY	Link	Reg. No.	Certified Cause Of Death and Duration
WARD, P.J.	445284	12/01/2021	Blackrock	Louth	https://www.rip.ie/entry/445284	7849264	Covid 19 Pneumonia
O'CONNELL (née Mulholland), Anna	445895	18/01/2021	Dundalk	Louth	https://www.rip.ie/entry/445895	7848517	Ischaemic heart disease (10y) - Vascular dementia (3y)
AGNEW, Bernard (Brian)	446322	19/01/2021	Dundalk	Louth	https://www.rip.ie/entry/446322		
JOYCE (Séamas SEOIGHE), James	446500	21/01/2021	Galway	Galway	https://www.rip.ie/entry/446500	7848786	Covid 19 (12d) - Lewis body dementia, parkinsons disease (5y)
FITZGERALD, Michael (Mick)	446664	21/01/2021	Dundalk	Louth	https://www.rip.ie/entry/446664	7848829	Covid 19 (8d) - Vascular dementia, deep vein thrombosis left lower leg.
MC ELEVEY (née Kerley), Kathleen	446937	24/01/2021	Dundalk	Louth	https://www.rip.ie/entry/446937		
O'CONNOR (née McGee), Kathleen	447291	25/01/2021	Dundalk	Louth	https://www.rip.ie/entry/447291		
COBURN, Patsy	447133	25/01/2021	Haggardstown	Louth	https://www.rip.ie/entry/447133	7850220	Corona virus - Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, alzheimers, dementia
MC CORMICK, Billy	446977	25/01/2021	Dundalk	Louth	https://www.rip.ie/entry/446977	7850276	Viral pneumonia, covid 19 infection (11d) Ischaemic heart disease, CVD
BREEN, Noel	447238	26/01/2021	Adare	Limerick	https://www.rip.ie/entry/447238		
Clarke, May	447274	26/01/2021	Dundalk	Louth	https://www.rip.ie/entry/447274	7850431	Covid 19 (1w)
STEWART, Joseph (Joe)	447482	28/01/2021	Dundalk	Louth	https://www.rip.ie/entry/447482	7850187	Corona Virus, Benign Prostatic Hyperplasia, Hydronephrosis, Bipllar Disorder
GONNELLY, Bernard	447795	30/01/2021	Dundalk	Louth	https://www.rip.ie/entry/447795	7848861	Covid 19 (10d) - Alzheimers
KELLETT, Eugene	447972	31/01/2021	Virginia	Cavan	https://www.rip.ie/entry/447972	7850286	Covid pneumonia, Dementia
HARRINGTON (née Loughran), Gert (Lila)	448789	05/02/2021	Haggardstown	Louth	https://www.rip.ie/entry/448789		
KEELAN, Mairead	448819	06/02/2021	Dundalk	Louth	https://www.rip.ie/entry/448819	7850463	Pneumonia (4w) - Covid 19 infection causing pneumonia. Type II diabetes
KELLY (née Matthews), Ann	449074	08/02/2021	Dundalk	Louth	https://www.rip.ie/entry/449074		
DUFFY, Frank	450775	22/02/2021	Dundalk	Louth	https://www.rip.ie/entry/450775		



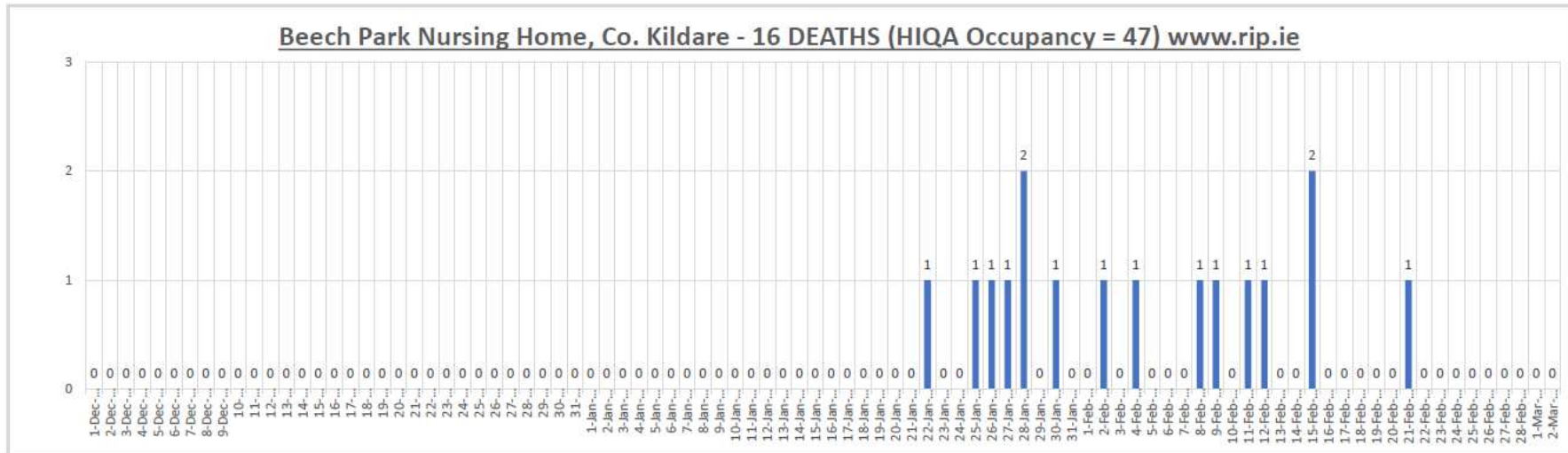
Carechoice Ballynoe, Co.Cork - 26 DEATHS - Source www.rip.ie							
PERSON	RIP.ie REF	DIED	TOWN	COUNTY	LINK	GRO No.	Certified Cause Of Death and Duration
Murphy, Finbarr	446615	22/01/2021	Cork%20City	Cork	https://www.rip.ie/entry/446615	7850702	End stage respiratory failure (7d) - COVID-19 Infection
Kearns-O'Connor (née Fitton), Elizabeth (Bessie)	447229	26/01/2021	Ballincellig	Cork	https://www.rip.ie/entry/447229		
White (née Cooney), Mary	448066	31/01/2021	Gurrabraher	Cork	https://www.rip.ie/entry/448066	7849832	Lower respiratory tract infection (4w) - Recurred chest infection
O'Flynn, Kay	448104	01/02/2021	Cork%20City	Cork	https://www.rip.ie/entry/448104	7850655	COVID-19 infection (Sudden Death - Atrial Fibrillation, History of CarFib)
Thompson (née Sheehan), Kathleen	448245	01/02/2021	Farranree	Cork	https://www.rip.ie/entry/448245		
Hurley, Dympna	448389	02/02/2021	Cobh	Cork	https://www.rip.ie/entry/448389		
Manley (née Hegarty), Madonna	448392	02/02/2021	Cork%20City	Cork	https://www.rip.ie/entry/448392	7848850	COVID-19 infection (3d) - End Stage Alzheimer's Disease
BLACK (née O'Mahony), ANN	448318	02/02/2021	Ballyvolane	Cork	https://www.rip.ie/entry/448318		
Twomey, Michael	448397	03/02/2021	Blackpool	Cork	https://www.rip.ie/entry/448397		
Sheehan (née Healy), Eileen	448439	03/02/2021	Mayfield	Cork	https://www.rip.ie/entry/448439		
O'Neill, Rita	448513	03/02/2021	Cork City	Cork	https://www.rip.ie/entry/448513	7849528	COVID-19 infection (14d) - End Stage Dementia
Lee, James (Jimmy)	448509	03/02/2021	Farranree	Cork	https://www.rip.ie/entry/448509	7850891	COVID-19 (1w) - Hypertension - (10y) - Chronic Lymphoma (12y)
O'Brien, Grace	448848	05/02/2021	Fairhill	Cork	https://www.rip.ie/entry/448848	7850245	COVID-19 infection (13d)
Kelleher (née O'Leary), Margaret (Peggy)	448856	06/02/2021	Kilnamartyra	Cork	https://www.rip.ie/entry/448856		
Kelly (née Beggins), Helen	448837	06/02/2021	Mayfield	Cork	https://www.rip.ie/entry/448837	7849958	COVID-19 infection (8d) - Dementia Alzheimer's Disease
Mangan, Kathleen	448895	06/02/2021	CorkCity	Cork	https://www.rip.ie/entry/448895		
Murphy (née Holton), Phyllis	449002	07/02/2021	Farranree	Cork	https://www.rip.ie/entry/449002	7850727	COVID-19 (1w) - Hypertension (15y) - Osteoarthritis (15y)
Chandley (née Mulcahy), Rose (Anne)	449117	08/02/2021	Fairhill	Cork	https://www.rip.ie/entry/449117		
Coyle, Veronica (Veron)	449000	08/02/2021	CorkCity	Cork	https://www.rip.ie/entry/449000	7849254	COVID-19 infection (8d) - End Stage Alzheimer's Dementia (15y)
Kiely, David	449228	09/02/2021	Cork City	Cork	https://www.rip.ie/entry/449228		
Forde, Sheila	449246	09/02/2021	Innishannon	Cork	https://www.rip.ie/entry/449246		
Sheridan, John	449198	09/02/2021	Dublin Hill	Cork	https://www.rip.ie/entry/449198		
Kent (née Linehan), Mary	449659	11/02/2021	Blackpool	Cork	https://www.rip.ie/entry/449659		
Mullane, Jimmy	449485	11/02/2021	Cork City	Cork	https://www.rip.ie/entry/449485	7850349	COVID-19 infection (12d) - Cognitive Impairment
O'Keeffe (née Smiddy), Margaret	449680	12/02/2021	Ballynoe	Cork	https://www.rip.ie/entry/449680		
Power, Michael Leo	450015	15/02/2021	Ballinhassig	Cork	https://www.rip.ie/entry/450015		
Clarke, Liam (Clarkie)	450351	17/02/2021	Mayfield	Cork	https://www.rip.ie/entry/450351		
West, William	450949	22/02/2021	Farranree	Cork	https://www.rip.ie/entry/450949		



Beech Park Nursing Home, Kildare - 16 DEATHS - source www.rip.ie

PERSON	RIP.ie REF	DIED	TOWN	COUNTY	Link	Reg. No.	Certified Cause Of Death and Duration
Lawler (née Brennan), Christina (Chris)	447563	28/01/2021	Newbridge	Kildare	https://www.rip.ie		
Tunney (née Barry), Celine	446607	22/01/2021	Newbridge	Kildare	https://www.rip.ie		
Matthews, Peadar (Peter)	447719	28/01/2021	Kildare%20Town	Kildare	https://www.rip.ie	7850302	Covid 19 Pneumonia - other Heart conditions, etc (see record)
Holmes (née Madden), Vera	448298	02/02/2021	Kildare%20Town	Kildare	https://www.rip.ie		
Conlan, Berney	449293	09/02/2021	Rathangan	Kildare	https://www.rip.ie	7850513	COVID-19 Related Pneumonia - Dementia - Hypertension - Vertigo
O'Loughlin, David (Davie)	449537	11/02/2021	Rathangan	Kildare	https://www.rip.ie		
Ryan (née Sparrow), Eileen	449953	15/02/2021	Newbridge	Kildare	https://www.rip.ie	7851004	COVID-19 Related Pneumonia - Rheumatoid Arthritis - Dementia
CANNING, Thomas Malachy (Tom)	450705	21/02/2021	Newbridge	Kildare	https://www.rip.ie		
Doran (née Doyle), Bernie	447300	26/01/2021	Rathangan	Kildare	https://www.rip.ie		
Kiernan, William (Bill)	447353	27/01/2021	Rathangan	Kildare	https://www.rip.ie	7850832	Cardiac Arrhythmia - Myocardial Infarction - Art Fib - Prostate cancer
Dunne (née Martin), Mary	447872	30/01/2021	Rathangan	Kildare	https://www.rip.ie		
O'Reilly, Jimmy	449635	12/02/2021	Bracknagh	Offaly	https://www.rip.ie		
Kelly (née MacNamara), Catherine (Frances)	447137	25/01/2021	Kildysart	Clare	https://www.rip.ie		
Tierney (née Dowling), Phyllis	448665	04/02/2021	Allenwood	Kildare	https://www.rip.ie	7850081	COVID-19 Related Pneumonia - Dementia
Savage, Anthony (Tony)	449084	08/02/2021	Rathangan	Kildare	https://www.rip.ie		
Cross, James (Jimmy)	450129	15/02/2021	Donadea	Kildare	https://www.rip.ie	7850199	COVID-19 Related Pneumonia - Parkinson's disease

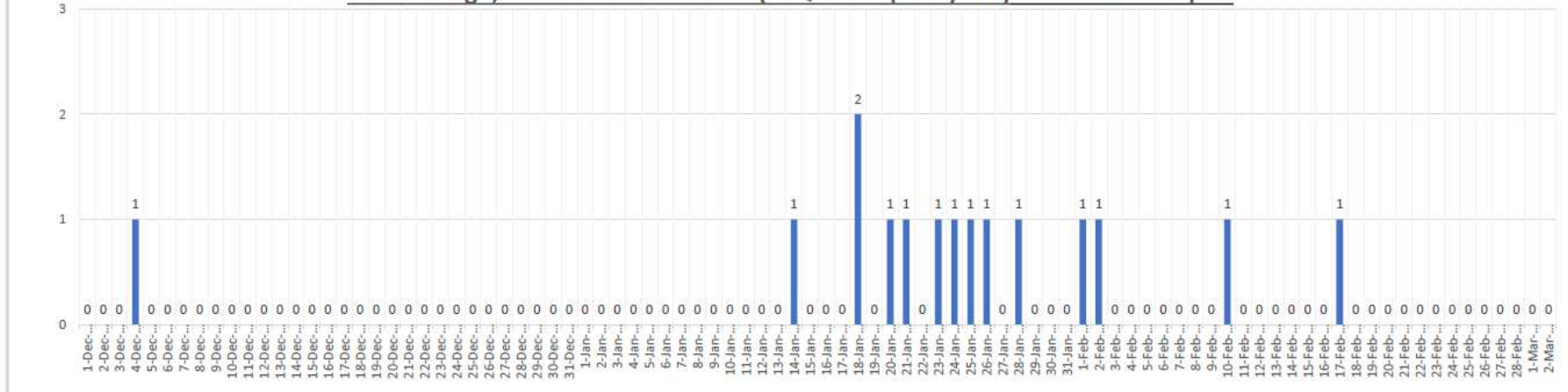
Beech Park Nursing Home, Co. Kildare - 16 DEATHS (HIQA Occupancy = 47) www.rip.ie



Lucan Lodge, Dublin - 15 DEATHS - Source www.rip.ie

PERSON	RIP.ie REF	DIED	TOWN	COUNTY	Link	Reg. No.	Certified Cause Of Death and Duration
Dempsey (née Gavigan), Joan	441043	04/12/2020	Lucan	Dublin	https://www.rip.ie/entry/441043		
KEHOE, Phil	445522	14/01/2021	Lucan	Dublin	https://www.rip.ie/entry/445522	7849218	Pneumonia Secondary to Covid 19 (1w), COPD, Longterm O2, Congestive....
CHERUBINI (née Evans), Evelyn	446125	18/01/2021	Finglas	Dublin	https://www.rip.ie/entry/446125		
O'Shea (née Kane), Elizabeth (Betty)	446070	18/01/2021	Palmerstown	Dublin	https://www.rip.ie/entry/446070	7818394	Age related Myocardial Degeneration - Dementia
O'CONNOR, Michael	446393	20/01/2021	Dublin%208	Dublin	https://www.rip.ie/entry/446393		
Tighe (née Murray), Josephine	446614	21/01/2021	Ballyfermot	Dublin	https://www.rip.ie/entry/446614	7852211	COVID-19, Ischamemic Hear disease
Rock, Patrick (Paddy)	447239	23/01/2021	Rathmines	Dublin	https://www.rip.ie/entry/447239	7850739	Congestive Cardiac Failure
GOUGH (née Clinton), Philomena (Phil)	447144	24/01/2021	Drimnagh	Dublin	https://www.rip.ie/entry/447144	7853859	Covid 19, COPD
Dignam (née O'Connor), Monica	447169	25/01/2021	Lucan	Dublin	https://www.rip.ie/entry/447169		
TRACEY, John (Jack)	447258	26/01/2021	East%20Wall	Dublin	https://www.rip.ie/entry/447258		
HENNESSY (née Tyrrell), Ann	447729	28/01/2021	Palmerstown	Dublin	https://www.rip.ie/entry/447729	7852862	Age related cardiovasculat degeneration, alzhiemer's dementia.
Gallagher (née Byrne), Anne (Nancie)	448078	01/02/2021	Lucan	Dublin	https://www.rip.ie/entry/448078	7849988	Covid -19 pneumonia (10d) Covid-19 Infection - Chronic Anxiety
Brophy (née Kavanagh), Pauline	448361	02/02/2021	Crumlin	Dublin	https://www.rip.ie/entry/448361		
McDONALD, Austin	449458	10/02/2021	Dublin%208	Dublin	https://www.rip.ie/entry/449458	7853030	Covid 19, dementia
FLANAGAN (née Tierney), Carmel	450405	17/02/2021	Lucan	Dublin	https://www.rip.ie/entry/450405	7851889	Covid 19, Dementia

Lucan Lodge, Co. Dublin 15 Deaths (HIQA occupancy=74) source www.rip.ie



St. Michael's Nursing Home, Limerick - 22 DEATHS - Source www.rip.ie

PERSON	RIP.ie REF	Date of Death			Link	Reg. No.	Certified Cause Of Death and Duration
Madden (née Collopy), Nora	440924	03/12/2020	Caherconlish	Limerick	https://www.rip.ie/entry/440924		
Shine (née Morrissey), Pauline	441815	12/12/2020	Janesboro	Limerick	https://www.rip.ie/entry/441815		
Hammersley, Tom	445813	16/01/2021	Doon	Limerick	https://www.rip.ie/entry/445813	7847802	COVID-19 Disease (19d) - Bladder Cancer
McInerney (née Lysaght), Frances	445903	17/01/2021	Kennedy%20Park	Limerick	https://www.rip.ie/entry/445903		
Kennedy (née Carroll), Mary	446438	21/01/2021	Corofin	Clare	https://www.rip.ie/entry/446438	7847440	COVID-19 Disease (19d) - Endometrial Carcinoma
Bourke (née Spain), Nora	446498	21/01/2021	Pallasgreen	Limerick	https://www.rip.ie/entry/446498	7890076	COVID-19 (1W) - Dementia (7y)
Houlihan, Donal (Danny)	446588	22/01/2021	Kilrush	Clare	https://www.rip.ie/entry/446588		
Ring (née Whyte), Betty (Elizabeth)	446952	23/01/2021	Kenmare	Kerry	https://www.rip.ie/entry/446952	7850483	COVID-19 Disease (7d) - Heart Disease
Caulfield, Richard (DICKIE)	446745	23/01/2021	Hospital	Limerick	https://www.rip.ie/entry/446745	7850563	COVID-19 Disease (1W)
McCarthy, Jeremiah (Jerry)	446881	24/01/2021	Knockainey	Limerick	https://www.rip.ie/entry/446881		
O'Reilly, Anne	446928	24/01/2021	Kilmallock	Limerick	https://www.rip.ie/entry/446928		
GRIFFIN (née Marsh), Maureen	447129	25/01/2021	Dooradoyle	Limerick	https://www.rip.ie/entry/447129	7849755	COVID Disease (10d)
Doran, Helen	447132	25/01/2021	Templemore	Tipperary	https://www.rip.ie/entry/447132		
O'Malley, Patrick	447240	25/01/2021	Murroe	Limerick	https://www.rip.ie/entry/447240	7850209	COVID-19 (2w)
Cleary, Stephen	447066	25/01/2021	Ballinacurra	Limerick	https://www.rip.ie/entry/447066	7847991	COVID-19 Disease (2w)
Moran (née Riordan), Margaret (Peggy)	447173	26/01/2021	Grange	Limerick	https://www.rip.ie/entry/447173		
Hayes, Margaret (Peggy)	447503	28/01/2021	Pallasgreen	Limerick	https://www.rip.ie/entry/447503	7848449	COVID Pos Pneumonia (15m) -Diab (5y) - Art Fib (10y) - Hypert (10y)
NOONAN, Thomas (Tommy)	448225	01/02/2021	Limerick%20City	Limerick	https://www.rip.ie/entry/448225		
O'Keefe, Maidie (Mary)	448302	01/02/2021	Cullen	Cork	https://www.rip.ie/entry/448302	7849510	COVID-19 Disease (2w) - Cerebrovascular Accident
Kennelly, Tom	450308	17/02/2021	Athea	Limerick	https://www.rip.ie/entry/450308		
McGrath, Josie	450652	20/02/2021	Cappamore	Limerick	https://www.rip.ie/entry/450652		
CRONIN (née Broughan), Margaret (Kathy)	450768	21/02/2021	Limerick%20City	Limerick	https://www.rip.ie/entry/450768		

