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Ref 44292/20 -To ask the Minister for Health if clinics for those who have suffered from Covid-19 have been established in hospitals in order to manage patients with complications as a result of a Covid-19 diagnosis or who require follow-up care; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -

Dear Deputy Burke

As COVID 19 is still a relatively new disease information on it, its features and its course are just emerging. There is no national data at this time on how many Irish people experience prolonged symptoms though there are some reports from individual centres.

Work has been undertaken internationally and in the UK. Guidance will be developed to align needs with care provision and to develop criteria and strategies for the ongoing evaluation of patients.. People who have had Covid-19 are being followed up by their doctors as appropriate-this is usually their GP, and in the case of those who required hospitalisation and/or ITU admission, this is hospital-based. Longer term observational studies will be required to understand the health consequences presently being attributed to post COVID-19 infection.

Yours sincerely

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