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Deputy John Lahart, TD Dáil Éireann Leinster House Kildare Street Dublin 2

RE: PQ 5622/21

To ask the Minister for Health his plans to provide upskilling to general practitioners to give them the adequate skills to diagnose, treat and understand the myriad side effects from long Covid; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Lahart,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in relation to the above parliamentary question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

The Irish College of General Practitioners (ICGP) is the professional body for general practice in Ireland. ICGP is the representative organisation on education, training and standards in general practice. Upskilling/training of general practitioners is within the remit of ICGP, rather than HSE.

ICGP details regarding continuous professional education can be found on ICGP website at https://www.icgp.ie/go/courses.

I trust this information is of assistance to you, but should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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