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PQ 9881/21 *To ask the Minister for Health the number of cases that have been recorded in the State of post-Covid-19 paediatric multi-inflammatory system; the hospitals in which these cases have been treated; and if he will make a statement on the matter*

Dear Deputy Cronin,

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.

As you may be aware, the Healthcare Pricing Office (HPO) is responsible for managing and reporting data from the Hospital In-Patient Enquiry (HIPE) System. The HIPE System is a health information system designed to collect medical and administrative data regarding discharges from, and deaths in, acute public hospitals. HIPE does not collect Emergency Department or out-patient data.

I am advised by HIPE that the following advice on the coding of post COVID-19 Conditions was published by IHPA in December 2020 effective for discharges from 1st January 2021.

[http://www.hpo.ie/hipe/clinical_coding/irish_coding_standards/ICS_22X2_Novel_Coronavirus_\(COVID-19\)_January_2021.pdf](http://www.hpo.ie/hipe/clinical_coding/irish_coding_standards/ICS_22X2_Novel_Coronavirus_(COVID-19)_January_2021.pdf)

This advice provides guidance on the following codes:

- U07.3 Emergency use of U07.3 [Personal history of COVID-19]
- U07.4 Emergency use of U07.4 [Post COVID-19 condition]
- U07.5 Emergency use code U07.5 [Multisystem inflammatory syndrome associated with COVID-19]

Unfortunately, HIPE is not as yet in a position to provide the data requested but this may become available in time.

However, I am advised by Children's Health Ireland that Paediatric multisystem inflammatory syndrome temporally associated with COVID-19 (PIMS-TS) is a hyper-inflammatory syndrome that has been described in children occurring in the aftermath of either exposure to/infection with COVID-19. Children typically present with a persistent fever, rash, red eyes (conjunctivitis), and often with abdominal symptoms, in particular crampy abdominal pain and diarrhoea. Some of these cases resemble a previously described medical condition known as Kawasaki disease which shares many of the same features.

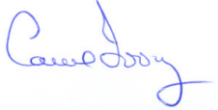
The severity of PIMS-TS can vary. Some children require very little support. Some children have more severe disease with inflammation of the heart muscles and the coronary arteries that supply blood to the heart. These patients require more intensive support including medications to suppress the inflammation, control temperature and support

the patient's heart and blood pressure. Since the start of the pandemic there have been 32 children, known to CHI, who fit this description. All of these children have recovered and a small number remain as in-patients receiving treatment and have plans for discharge soon.

CHI advises parents/guardians whose child is displaying the symptoms mentioned above to go to their local ED.

I trust this is of assistance.

Yours sincerely,



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