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**BY EMAIL ONLY**

**Deputy Róisín Shortall**

**Dáil Éireann**

Leinster House

Kildare Street

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**PQ 48847/21 – Deputy Róisín Shortall: To ask the Minister for Health the Covid-19 treatments which are currently in use in Ireland; if each has full approval or emergency approval; the date each treatment came into use in Ireland; and the number of patients treated with each in tabular form.**

Dear Deputy Shortall,

Thank you for your representation. Many pharmacological therapies are being used or being considered for the treatment of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19). Given the rapidity of emerging evidence, the HSE identified the need to develop evidence based guidance to support clinicians and other health-care professionals in decisions about treatment and management of patients with COVID-19.

The evidence continues to emerge for the use of pharmacological therapies in the management of COVID-19. Participation in clinical trials, where available, should be strongly encouraged so that reliable and relevant evidence is available to inform evidence-based guidance and support clinicians and other healthcare professionals in the management of patients with COVID-19. The WHO includes the following commentary on emerging evidence in the Therapeutics and COVID-19: living guideline:

The HSE Interim Guidance for the Pharmacological Management of Patients Hospitalised with COVID-19 contains drugs that are clinically approved.

<https://hse.drsteevenslibrary.ie/c.php?g=679077&p=4866795#appendix1%20021>.

The additional patient data and detail is not available centrally.

I hope this provides you with assistance.

Yours sincerely

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