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To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the provision of a long COVID clinic for Cork University Hospital; the staffing resources and vacancies for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Cullinane

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. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

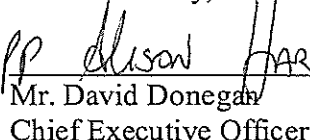
The dedicated Long COVID Clinic commenced on a trial basis in St. Mary's Health Campus. Two small Long COVID clinic took place before Christmas, but without full staffing or resourcing at present.

Limited administration support is being provided by existing administration staff. An additional Registrar is providing 3 sessions weekly to assist with Long COVID. Working on having 1 WTE Registrar for the service.

Interviews were held for a Consultant post for the Long COVID clinic and a successful candidate was offered the post and awaits appointment. A Locum Consultant will be pursued if there is any delay with this appointment.

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,


Mr. David Donegan
Chief Executive Officer