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Deputy Róisín Shortall,  
Dáil Éireann,  
Leinster House,  
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Dublin 2.

**PQ 38463/22 – To ask the Minister for Health if there was engagement with long-Covid patients when the interim Model of Care for long-Covid was drafted; if there has been continued engagement with patient groups in respect of the model of care; and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

**- Róisín Shortall**

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Dear Deputy Shortall,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (PQ 38463/22) which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

Covid-19 is a new disease so information on it, its features, incidence, consequence and its course are still emerging. It is recognised that most people with Covid-19 return to baseline after acute infection, however a proportion will experience persistent and prolonged symptoms. There are many terms used to describe this post-acute sequelae, the most commonly used terms are Post Covid-19 Condition or Long Covid.

Late in 2020, the HSE's Chief Clinical Officer (CCO) commissioned a group across a range of specialties and disciplines to develop on Interim Model of Care (MoC) aimed at addressing the emerging needs of those with prolonged symptoms following infection with Covid-19. The aim of the MoC is to provide a national approach to the provision of these services and to build on existing services. It sets out a framework for the provision of services spanning General Practice, Community Services, Acute Hospitals and Mental Health Services.

An expert subgroup was set up under the office of CCO and was led by the National Lead for Integrated Care, with input and representation from a variety of stakeholders, including Primary Care, Older Persons, Infectious Diseases, Respiratory Medicine, Mental Health, Health and social care professionals (HSCPs), ICGP and the Health Intelligence (HIU) Modelling group.

The HSE has engaged with patient groups in relation to implementation of the MoC and will ensure continued engagement in relation to further developments and iterations of the Model. As a new disease, Long COVID patients were not part of the working group in the initial drafting of the MoC.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Seán McArt'.

**Seán McArt**  
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