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PQ34215/22-Deputy Jennifer Murnane O'Connor- To ask the Minister for Health if a new drug (details supplied) will be prescribed for all those with long-Covid regardless of medical card status; his views on same; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Murnane O'Connor,

Thank you for your representation.

The COVID-19 Therapeutics programme was established to implement operational pathways for patients to access novel COVID-19 therapeutics. The programme procured two novel therapeutics for Ireland; 1) a monoclonal antibody: Sotrovimab and 2) an antiviral: Paxlovid to date.

These two therapeutics treat eligible high-priority patients who have been recently diagnosed with COVID-19, as the aims of these therapeutics is to minimise the symptoms of COVID-19 rather than the treatment for long Covid.

I hope this provides you with assistance.

Yours sincerely

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