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PQ 35255/22 To ask the Minister for Health the number of healthcare workers in receipt of special leave with pay; the number who have received it for longer than a week or the period of isolation; the number diagnosed with long-Covid in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -David Cullinane

Dear Deputy,

I refer to your recent parliamentary question which was sent to the HSE for response.

At 5th July, 2022, there are 270 HSE employees on 0403 Covid Paid Leave. 91 of these employees are on this leave for more than one week up to 5th July, 2022. 57/270 are on this leave for more than 84 days (12 weeks) up to 5th July, 2022.

There 945 HSE employees with recorded Covid Leave 0403 on 1st July, 2022. 223 of these employees had 0403 recorded for them for more than one week up to 1st July, 2022. 114/945 are on this leave for more than 84 days up to 1st July, 2022.

The Deputy should note that data supplied is for HSE Areas only. HSE Locations not included HSE South West, PCRS and St Luke's Hospital.

For the purpose of this PQ, we defined post-acute Covid-19 as having ongoing symptoms that persist from 4 – 12 weeks after acute infection and Long Covid as symptoms beyond 12 weeks and not attributable to alternative diagnosis.

I trust that this information is sufficient to meet the Deputy's needs.

Yours sincerely,

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