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PQ23590-22- Deputy Bríd Smith -To ask the Minister for Health if he will acknowledge how severely ill those who develop long-Covid can become; if the matter will be addressed; if he will offer protection from reinfection by providing access to treatments (Paxlovid and or other antivirals and monoclonal antibodies); if he will increase access to new diagnostic testing which is available in parts of Europe and South Africa; if he will provide the most up-to-date treatments in order that this cohort can begin to recover from this debilitating condition; and if he will make a statement on the matter

Dear Deputy Smith,

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 has 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.

I hope this provides you with assistance.

Yours sincerely

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