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Deputy Roisin Shortall Dáil Éireann, Leinster House Kildare Street Dublin 2

PQ 54806 & 54807/22- To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients who have been seen in each of the post-acute and long-COVID clinics established under the interim model of care for long-COVID to date in tabular form; the number of patients on a waiting list for each clinic; and the time that each patient has been waiting.

Dear Deputy Shortall,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted for response.

The HSE launched its Interim Model of Care (MoC) for Long COVID in September 2021. The aim of the Model is to provide a framework for the provision of supports and services for those experiencing prolonged symptoms of COVID- 19. There is a phased approach to the implementation of the MoC and the initial priority is the establishment of Post-Acute and Long COVID Clinics in acute hospitals. Each hospital group will have access to both a Post-Acute and Long COVID service. This will deliver eight Post-Acute COVID Clinics and Six Long COVID clinics across the country.

The following sites were nominated as **Post-Acute COVID Clinics**: Mater University Hospital, Connolly Hospital Blanchardstown, St James's University Hospital, Tallaght University Hospital, Cork University Hospital, University Hospital Limerick, Galway University Hospital, Letterkenny University Hospital.

The following sites were nominated as **Long COVID Clinics**: Beaumont University Hospital, St James's University Hospital, St Vincent's University Hospital, Cork University Hospital, University Hospital Limerick, Galway University Hospital.

The MoC highlighted the potential challenges that the recruitment of specialist multidisciplinary teams, required to staff the clinics, would give rise to. Recruitment delays have resulted in a number of hospitals not yet establishing dedicated clinics. In these cases while hospitals work to progress recruitment, patients with Long-COVID are being treated in routine clinics. Data in respect of these patients is not available.

The data in tables below has been provided by the post-acute and long-COVID clinics that have been established under the MoC. This data is unvalidated and reflects the early stage in development of these clinics with regard to resourcing as noted above. I trust this information is of assistance to you but should you have any further queries please contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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Post Acute COVID Clinics
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Mater Misericordiae University Hospital	Mar-22	Apr-22	May-22	Jun-22	Jul-22	Aug-22	Sep-22	Oct-22
Patients Seen	8	12	5	5	8	4	1	2
Patients on W/L	10	15	7	5	6	3	3	3
Avg time from referral to review	6 months	8 months	5 months	5 months	4 months	5 months	3 months	4 weeks

James Connolly Memorial Hospital	Mar-22	Apr-22	May-22	Jun-22	Jul-22	Aug-22	Sep-22	Oct-22
Patients Seen	34	12	28	33	17	13	13	14
Patients on W/L	108	94	157	127	129	135	129	119
Avg time from referral to review	5 months	6 months						

## Long COVID Clinics

Beaumont Hospital	Mar-22	Apr-22	May-22	Jun-22	Jul-22	Aug-22	Sep-22	Oct-22
Patients Seen	42	34	34	42	36	35	33	15
Patients on W/L	212	230	244	224	162	125	62	53
Avg time from referral to review (Days)	296	230	268	261	216	194	237	187

St Vincents University Hospital	Mar-22	Apr-22	May-22	Jun-22	Jul-22	Aug-22	Sep-22	Oct-22
Patients Seen	52	56	39	58	49	52	52	52
Patients on W/L	N/A	N/A	12	90	206	214	200	190
Average time from referral to review	4-5 months (routine) 0-4 weeks (urgent)	4-5 months (routine) 0-4 weeks (urgent)	4-5 months (routine) 0-4 weeks (urgent)	(routine)	4-5 months (routine) 0-4 weeks (urgent)	4-5 months (First available) 0-4 weeks (urgent)	4-5 months (First available) 0-4 weeks (urgent)	3-6 months (routine) 0-4 weeks (urgent)

## **Combined COVID Clinics**

<u>St James' Hospital</u>	Mar-22	Apr-22	May-22	Jun-22	Jul-22	Aug-22	Sep-22	Oct-22
Patients Seen	13	22	16	18	19	22	38	24
Patients on W/L	none	none						
Avg time from referral to review	3 months	5 months	65 Days					

## Tallaght University Hospital

Patients Seen Patients on W/L Avg time from referral to review

## **Galway University Hospital**

Patients Seen Patients on W/L Avg time from referral to review

	13	22	16	18	19	22	38	53
ſ	249	265	314	299	286	286	275	280
ſ	58 days	90 days	83 days	73 days	51 days	30 days	15 days	5-6 months

Mar-22	Apr-22	May-22	Jun-22	Jul-22	Aug-22	Sep-22	Oct-22	
13	5	10	13	21	16	18	29	
not available								
8-10 wks (urgent 2 wks)								