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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 multi-disciplinary 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.

