

the number of patients currently being seen in
each long-Covid clinic in counties Cork and Dublin



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PQ 55250/22 * To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients currently being seen in each long-Covid clinic in counties Cork and Dublin and if he will make a statement on the matter.*

Dear Deputy Sherlock,

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. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

Response:

The HSE launched its Interim Model of Care (MoC) for Long COVID in September 2021. The aim of MoC 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 its implementation and the initial priority is the establishment of Post-Acute and Long COVID Clinics. 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 MoC defined post-acute COVID-19 as having ongoing symptoms that persist from 4 to 12 weeks after acute infection and Long COVID as symptoms beyond 12 weeks and not attributable to alternative diagnosis.

The following sites have been nominated as Long COVID Clinics: Beaumont University Hospital, St James's University Hospital (SJH), St Vincent's University Hospital (SVUH), Cork University Hospital (CUH), University Hospital Limerick, Galway University Hospital.

The number of patients being seen in the Dublin and Cork Long-COVID clinics on October 31st 2022 is shown below. For the purposes of this question the data represents the number of patients who have had their first consultation but have not yet been discharged. Please note at present patients in CUH, the only designated Long-COVID clinic in Cork, are being seen as part of the Infectious Disease clinics as the dedicated Long-COVID clinic has not yet

been established. As a result the data is not currently available in respect of Long-COVID patients on treatment for this hospital.

| <u>Hospital</u> | <u>On Treatment</u> |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------|
| St James' Hospital | 130 |
| St Vincents University Hospital | 170 |
| Beaumont Hospital | 53 |
| Cork University Hospital | n/a |
| Total | 353 |

I trust that this answers your question to your satisfaction.

Yours sincerely,



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