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**Deputy Patrick Costello,
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.**

PQ 51484/22 – To ask the Minister for Health the number of children under 12 years diagnosed with long-Covid; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

- Patrick Costello

Dear Deputy Costello,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (PQ 51484/22) which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

The HSE can advise that the data you have requested is not available. International evidence to date is that younger people and children recovery quickly from Covid and the incidence of long Covid is low in these patient populations.

For children and young people suspected of having long Covid, the diagnosis and care is provided by GPs and General Paediatricians. The National Clinical Advisory Group Lead for Children and the Long COVID Programme continues to review new evidence and research as it emerges internationally and will update relevant guidance as appropriate.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

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