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Deputy Denis Naughten,
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
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PQ 51848/22 – To ask the Minister for Health the total drawdown of funding to date in 2022 for the long and post covid interim model of care; the estimated drawdown by year end; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

- Denis Naughten

Dear Deputy Naughten,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (PQ 51848/22) which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

The HSE recognises the need to provide follow up support and care for patients experiencing prolonged signs and symptoms of Covid-19. In response to this it has developed an Interim Model of Care (MoC) for Long Covid which was finalised in September 2021. The aim of the MoC is to provide a national approach to the provision of services and supports for patients experiencing prolonged symptoms of Covid-19. It sets out a framework for the provision of these services and supports spanning General Practice, Community Services, Acute Hospitals and Mental Health Services. The resultant Interim MoC recommended the development of:

1. Eight Post-Acute Covid clinics
2. Six Long Covid clinics
3. A tertiary referral neurocognitive clinic for those with complex neuro-cognitive/neuropsychological symptoms

Implementation of the MoC commenced in early 2022 and a priority for implementation is the development of specialist clinics. The MoC identifies the resources and personnel required for each of these clinics including Infectious Disease Consultants, Respiratory Consultants, Neurologists and Psychiatrists and additional multi-disciplinary staff to support the clinics, including Clinical Psychologists. In this regard €2.2 million was provided in 2022 to fund these post. As of 1st October €1.2 million had been spent with spend increasing month on month as staff are being on-boarded.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,



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