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Deputy Róisín Shortall,  
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Leinster House,  
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**PQ 45475/22 – To ask the Minister for Health to list the engagements his Department and the HSE has had with Long Covid Ireland in 2021 and 2022.**

**- Róisín Shortall**

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Dear Deputy Shortall,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (PQ 45475/22) which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

The HSE recognises the need to provide follow up care and support for patients experiencing prolonged signs and symptoms of Covid-19. In response to this it has agreed 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 HSE engaged with Long COVID Ireland in 2022 to inform them of their plan for Long COVID and how it is being implemented. It will continue to engage with patient advocacy groups to provide further updates as progress is made on implementation.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

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