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Deputy Mairéad Farrell,
Dáil Éireann,
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PQ 45540/22 – To ask the Minister for Health the infectious disease experts who were consulted in the development of the model of care in relation to long-Covid; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

- Mairéad Farrell

Dear Deputy Farrell,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (PQ 45540/22) which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

The HSE launched its interim Model of Care (MoC) for Long COVID in September 2021. The aim of the MoC is to provide a national approach to the delivery of supports and services for patients living with prolonged symptoms of COVID-19. The MoC sets out a framework for how these supports and services should be designed and delivered with a focus on providing care across a number of different settings including acute hospitals, GP settings and community services.

A clinical subgroup established by the Office of Chief Clinical Officer (CCO) and National Lead for Integrated Care in 2020 to develop this MoC. This clinical subgroup consisted of consultants in the areas of infectious disease, respiratory medicine and neurology from each of the respective Clinical Programmes. Other expert stakeholders involved in the group included Irish College of General Practitioners, Health and Social Care Professionals Office, Health Intelligence Unit and representatives from primary care.

Implementation of the MoC is now underway and the initial priority is the establishment of Post-Acute and Long COVID clinics. Consultation with all of the above stakeholders is a key component of implementation.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

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