

28th October 2022

Deputy Catherine Connolly T.D,
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Re: PQ/45571/22

“To ask the Minister for Health his plans for the establishment of a centre for neurorehabilitation at the Mater Hospital, led by a team of neurorehabilitation specialists, neurologists, infectious diseases physicians, psychologists, psychiatrists and neurophysiotherapists, in order to improve treatment for patients of long-Covid; and if he will make a statement on the matter.”

Dear Deputy Connolly,

I refer to the recent PQ regarding the Long Covid Clinic in the Mater Misericordiae University Hospital (MMUH), which has been referred to the Ireland East Hospital Group for direct response.

I have had this matter examined and am advised that MMUH submitted their business case for extra funding regarding the Long Covid Clinic at the Hospital in July 2021 as part of the Scheduled care plan 2021-2021.

This business case includes resources for neuro-rehabilitation. The business case was re submitted to HSE on 5th August 2022. At present there is no clear timeline on when a decision will be made in relation to granting the funding.

I trust this information is helpful to you.

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