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Re: PQ/45891/22

To ask the Minister for Health the timeline for when the business case submitted by the Mater Hospital seeking the resources required for the continued support of their long-Covid Clinic will be decided; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Hourigan,

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

I have had this matter examined and am advised that The Mater Hospital established a Long COVID Clinic in June 2020 in response to patient needs in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic.

This clinic has continued since that time and to date has received 1332 attendances.

The HSE Interim Model of Care for Long COVID recommended the development of six Long COVID clinics and eight Post-Acute COVID clinics. The Mater Hospital was not selected as one of the designated sites to receive funding for a Long COVID Clinic. The hospital did receive funding to establish a Post-Acute COVID clinic which manages patients in the first 12 weeks post COVID.

The Mater Hospital has submitted a business case seeking the resources required for continued support of the Long COVID Clinic in the Mater. The Mater is currently awaiting a decision on the business case put forward.

I trust this information is helpful to you.

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