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**Re: PQ/47386/22**

**To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 1817 of 8 September 2022, the reason that those running the long-Covid clinics were not included in the discussion in relation to which hospitals were allocated and funded for long-Covid clinics.**

Dear Deputy Murphy,

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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