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Deputy Aengus Ó Snodaigh
Dáil Eireann
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Dear Deputy Ó Snodaigh

I refer to your recent PQ which has been forwarded to me for attention.

PQ: To ask the Minister for Health the number of children who are being treated in the children's hospitals as in-patients or out-patients with symptoms of long-Covid; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Childrens Health Ireland (CHI) Response (assisted by the HSE):

Childrens Health Ireland (CHI) can advise that Long Covid data for children and young people is not available nationally at present. International evidence to date, however, is that younger people and children recovery quickly from Covid and the incidence of long Covid is low in these patient populations.

For children and young people suspected of having long Covid, the diagnosis and care is provided by GPs and General Paediatricians. The National Clinical Advisory Group Lead for Children and the Long COVID Programme continues to review new evidence and research as it emerges internationally and will update relevant guidance as appropriate.

Your sincerely

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