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**Deputy Paul Murphy,
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.**

PQ 63164/22 – To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a breakdown of funding provided to long-Covid clinics, per clinic, including details of funding spent on the long-Covid clinic itself and any funding that was spent on other, non-long-Covid related expenses in tabular form

- Paul Murphy

Dear Deputy Murphy,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (PQ 63164/22) which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

The HSE recognises the need to provide follow up support and care for patients experiencing prolonged signs and symptoms of Covid-19. In response to this it has developed an Interim Model of Care (MoC) for Long Covid which was finalised in September 2021. The aim of the MoC is to provide a national approach to the provision of services and supports for patients experiencing prolonged symptoms of Covid-19. It sets out a framework for the provision of these services and supports spanning General Practice, Community Services, Acute Hospitals and Mental Health Services. The resultant Interim MoC recommended the development of:

1. Eight Post-Acute Covid clinics
2. Six Long Covid clinics
3. A tertiary referral neurocognitive clinic for those with complex neuro cognitive/neuropsychological symptoms

Implementation of the MoC commenced in January 2022. At this point, some of the designated hospital sites were already providing Long Covid and Post-Acute services on an interim basis while awaiting recruitment of full staffing as per the Model of Care. They have been established in response to local need and are leveraging existing resources and capacity. The HSE has been working with sites to expand their resources to ensure they can meet the requirements of the Model of Care. To date, six of eight Post-Acute COVID clinics outlined within the Model of Care have been established, and five of six Long COVID clinics have been established.

The MoC identifies the resources and personnel required for each of these clinics including Infectious Disease Consultants, Respiratory Consultants, Neurologists and Psychiatrists and additional multi-disciplinary staff to support the clinics, including Clinical Psychologists. In this regard €2.2 million was provided in 2022 with €6.6 million budgeted for 2023. The majority of this funding is allocated to pay costs for the Long COVID and Post-Acute clinics however some funding was set aside for equipment such as Pulmonary Function and



Cardiac Monitoring equipment. Staffing and equipment broadly follows that outlined in the Model of Care therefore funding is largely divided equally among the Long COVID and Post-Acute clinics at each site.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Seán McArt'.

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