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Deputy Paul Murphy, Dáil Éireann Leinster House Dublin 2

26th July 2023

PQ 33601/23 To ask the Minister for Health for details in relation to how many people are currently waiting to be seen by a long-Covid clinic, with a breakdown per clinic.

Dear Deputy Murphy,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

In response to the need to provide follow up support and care for patients experiencing prolonged signs and symptoms of COVID-19 the HSE developed an Interim Model of Care (MoC) for Long COVID which was finalised in September 2021. The MoC set out a framework for the provision of services and supports spanning General Practice, Community Services, Acute Hospitals and Mental Health Services. It recommended the development of six Long COVID clinics, eight Post-Acute COVID clinics and one tertiary referral neurocognitive clinic for those with complex neuro-cognitive/neuropsychological symptoms.

The resources and personnel required for each of these clinics was identified and the HSE worked closely with clinicians and senior management at each site to map existing resources against what was outlined within the Model.

Table 1 sets out the numbers awaiting appointments as at end of May 2023.

I trust this is of assistance.

Yours sincerely,

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Table 1 Long Covid Patients Awaiting Appointment end of May 2023

Hospital	Clinic	Awaiting appointments at end of May
St James	Long COVID	0
	Post COVID	
СИН	Long COVID	Not available
	Post COVID	
UHL	Long COVID	0
	Post COVID	
GUH	Long COVID	38
	Post COVID	
Beaumont	Long COVID	91
James Connolly	Post COVID	34
Tallaght	Post COVID	219
MMUH	Post COVID	2
Letterkenny	Post COVID	Clinic non-operational
SVUH	Long COVID	85