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Deputy John Brady
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PQ 36739/23 To ask the Minister for Health the number of referrals made to the long-Covid clinic, by county; the average waiting timeframe, broken down by length of time of 3, 6, 12+ months, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Brady,

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.

Table 1 below outlines the number of referrals made to Long Covid clinics and the average waiting time, in days, by clinic, at year end 2022. Please note that the Long Covid Clinic at University Hospital Limerick did not become operational until November 2022.

Table 2 below outlines the number of referrals made to Long Covid clinics and the average waiting time, in days, by clinic, at end of May 2023.

I trust this is of assistance.

Yours sincerely,

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Table 1
Number of new referrals and average waiting times, by clinic, at year end 2022

**UHL Long Covid Clinic operational from Nov 2022*

***Waiting time data is collected in days*

Year	Clinic Location	Clinic Type	No. of new referrals	Ave. waiting time as at year end**
2022	St James's Hospital	Combined	170	62
2022	Tallaght University Hospital	Combined	258	183
2022	St. Vincent's University Hospital	Long Covid	423	137
2022	Beaumont Hospital	Long Covid	146	251
2022	Mater Misericordiae University Hospital	Post Covid	27	0
2022	Connolly Hospital	Post Covid	210	183
2022	Cork University Hospital	Post Covid	56	Data unavailable
2022	University Hospital Limerick*	Long Covid	24	0
2022	Galway University Hospital	Combined	155	93

Table 2**Number of new referrals and average waiting times, by clinic, at end of May 2023****Waiting time data is collected in days**^New Referrals Data available for January 2023 only*

Year	Clinic Location	Clinic Type	No. of new referrals	Ave. waiting time as at end of May*
2023	St James's Hospital	Combined	166	35
2023	Tallaght University Hospital	Combined	65	153
2023	St. Vincent's University Hospital	Long Covid	125	137
2023	Beaumont Hospital	Long Covid	100	153
2023	Mater Misericordiae University Hospital	Post Covid	22	122
2023	Connolly Hospital	Post Covid	23	Data unavailable
2023	^Cork University Hospital	Post Covid	6	Data unavailable
2023	University Hospital Limerick	Long Covid	34	76
2023	Galway University Hospital	Combined	40	Data unavailable