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PQ13868/23- Deputy Alan Farrell- To ask the Minister for Health if hyperbaric oxygen therapy for long-Covid symptoms is being considered as an approved and licensed treatment by the HSE; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Farrell,

Thank you for your representation.

There are no proven pharmacological or other physical interventions such as Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy (HBOT) for Long Covid as of yet and HBOT is not currently under consideration as an approved and licensed treatment for Long Covid.

In a recent review of the HSE Interim Model of Care, HIQA refer to 'One guideline (13) explicitly recommended against the use of emerging or unproven therapies that were not assessed trials without ethical approval, page 40.

[https://www.hiqa.ie/reports-and-publications/health-technology-assessment/international-review-clinical-guidelines-andassessed in randomised trials with appropriate ethical approval.](https://www.hiqa.ie/reports-and-publications/health-technology-assessment/international-review-clinical-guidelines-andassessed-in-randomised-trials-with-appropriate-ethical-approval)

Yours sincerely

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