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Deputy O Callaghan,
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
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PQ 15317/23 To ask the Minister for Health the average waiting time to access an appointment in a long-Covid clinic; how many people are currently waiting for an appointment; the current staffing in these clinics; the action will he take to reduce these waiting lists; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

-Cian O'Callaghan

Dear Deputy O Callaghan,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (PQ 15317/23) which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

The Long Covid clinics currently operational under the model of care include: St Vincent's University Hospital, Beaumont Hospital and University Hospital Galway. The Post-Acute Covid clinics operational under the model of care include: University Hospital Galway, Mater University Hospital and Connolly Hospital Blanchardstown. Both Tallaght University Hospital and St James's Hospital are operating combined Post-Acute and Long Covid clinics. Cork University Hospital held its first dedicated Long COVID and Post-Acute clinics for patients in December.

While still seeking to recruit all posts for these clinics, clinicians continue to treat those affected with Long COVID and will seek to increase the number of patients seen as positions are filled.

The HSE is working with the two remaining clinics to be operationalised (Letterkenny University Hospital and Limerick University Hospital).

Please find the attached Appendix 1, which contains, in tabular form, details of recruitment and the waiting list in each Covid Clinic, which is the latest data available at this time.

I trust this answers your query.

Yours sincerely,

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