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**PQ22682/23- Deputy Paul Murphy- To ask the Minister for Health to supply the name of any consultant in the public health service of Ireland who has the knowledge to diagnose and manage long-Covid in children; and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

Dear Deputy Murphy,

Thank you for your representation. Since your last representation the HSE are continuing to review new evidence and research in relation to Long COVID in children.

There is no evidence internationally that advocates for the requirement of a specialist Long COVID clinic for children, access to services should be via general practice or referral to a Consultant General Paediatrician.

The HSE continues to implement the Model of Care for Long COVID in a phased approach with the initial priority the establishment of Post-Acute and Long COVID Clinics within each hospital group to ensure a national service, in addition to a tertiary neuro-cognitive clinic located at St James's Hospital.

The HSE commissioned a review by HIQA of the evidence regarding Long Covid, including models of care in other jurisdictions, this was published by HIQA in December 2022.

I hope this provides you with assistance.

Yours sincerely

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