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PQ39755/23-Deputy Colm Burke- To ask the Minister for Health if consideration would be given to the establishment of a fit-for-purpose surveillance system or registry of those who have been infected with Covid-19 to be able to monitor long-term outcomes; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Burke,

Thank you for your representation. In 2023 the HSE launched the FADA Survey, which is following up a sample of people resident in Health Region B (Longford, Westmeath, Laois, Offaly, Kildare, West Wicklow and South Dublin) who were notified to the responsible Public Health Department as a case of COVID-19 to ask them about their recovery from the disease.

The survey asked people about

- when they had COVID-19
- how their health is now, including any symptoms they had recently
- if COVID-19 had an impact on their health
- health services used during their COVID illness
- their COVID vaccination history
- social and economic factors affecting their life

These questions will give an understanding of how people are recovering from COVID-19 in Ireland, including people with more complicated recovery which may indicate they have Long COVID. The survey is now closed and data are being prepared for analysis. A report will be published in 2024.

<https://www.hse.ie/eng/services/list/5/publichealth/publichealthdepts/research/long-covid-study/info.html>

There is no Long COVID Registry or Surveillance System at this time.



I hope this provides you with some assistance.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sharon Hayden', written in a cursive style.

Sharon Hayden
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