



Ref: PQ 11360/24

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Dear Deputy Shortall

I refer to your below parliamentary question which has been forwarded to me for attention. Firstly, please accept my apologies for the delay in issuing a response.

PQ 11360/24 – To ask the Minister for Health if he intends to provide specialist long-Covid services for children; the steps he is taking to ensure that children with long-Covid have access to appropriate treatment and care; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Children's Health Ireland (CHI) Response:

Children's Health Ireland (CHI) can advise that there is no single pediatrician looking after children and young people with covid, however General Pediatricians nationally with experience in managing post-viral conditions will see these patients and will manage their care in accordance with the most recent evidence.

The National Clinical Programme for Paediatrics and the NCAGL for children and young people will continue to work closely with the HSE long-covid team to review evidence and support access to care.

Yours sincerely

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