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***PQ 11394/24 - To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 289 of 15 June 2023, the proportion of the €2.2 million allocated for the development of long Covid services in 2022 that was spent exclusively on long Covid services; the allocation drawn down by each clinic in 2022; the corresponding figures for 2023; the respective period of operation of each clinic; the number of new patients and recurring patients treated to date; the number of patients awaiting a first appointment in each clinic; and if he will make a statement on the matter.***

Dear Deputy Naughten,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

In response to the need to provide follow up support and care for patients experiencing prolonged signs and symptoms of COVID-19, the HSE developed an Interim Model of Care (MoC) for Long COVID which was finalised in September 2021.

The MoC set out a framework for the provision of services and supports spanning General Practice, Community Services, Acute Hospitals and Mental Health Services. It recommended the development of six Long COVID clinics, eight Post-Acute COVID clinics and one tertiary referral neurocognitive clinic for those with complex neuro-cognitive/neuropsychological symptoms.

The resources and personnel required for each of these clinics was identified and the HSE worked closely with clinicians and senior management at each site to map existing resources against what was outlined within the Model. The approved service developments relate solely to the implementation of the Long-COVID Interim MoC.

Table 1 below details the service development posts allocated to each clinic, the number of posts onboarded, the full year cost (FYC) of the posts and the funding drawn down in 2023.

Table 2 below details the dates the clinics started seeing patients. It also contains 2023 activity data and patients waiting to be seen at the end of December 2023.



I am advised that the Post Acute COVID clinic at Connolly Hospital ceased operating at the end of August 2023 and that the service transferred to Beaumont Hospital. Accordingly, the figures provided for Connolly Hospital are up to end August 2023.

I trust this is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Carol Ivory'. The signature is written in a cursive style.

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**Carol Ivory**  
**General Manager, Acute Operations**



**Table 1**  
**Service Development Resource Allocation WTE Onboarded and Funding drawn down in 2023 by clinic & clinic type**

| Clinic Type        | Total WTE   | WTE On Boarded on HRSP 24/02/24 | WTE Funding Drawn down | FYC per actual WTE € | € Funding Drawn down in 2023 |
|--------------------|-------------|---------------------------------|------------------------|----------------------|------------------------------|
| Long Covid         | 29.2        | 23.9                            | 22.1                   | 4,759,494            | 2,551,819                    |
| Post-Acute Clinic  | 36.7        | 29.7                            | 28.0                   | 3,304,755            | 2,321,088                    |
| <b>Grand Total</b> | <b>65.9</b> | <b>53.6</b>                     | <b>50.1</b>            | <b>8,064,249</b>     | <b>4,872,907</b>             |

| Hospital / Clinic Type | Total WTE   | WTE On Boarded on HRSP 24/02/24 | WTE Funding Drawn down | FYC per actual WTE € | € Funding Drawn down in 2023 |
|------------------------|-------------|---------------------------------|------------------------|----------------------|------------------------------|
| <b>Beaumont</b>        | <b>4.5</b>  | <b>4.5</b>                      | <b>4.5</b>             | <b>691,761</b>       | <b>463,856</b>               |
| Long Covid             | 4.5         | 4.5                             | 4.5                    | 691,761              | 463,856                      |
| <b>Connolly</b>        | <b>4.5</b>  | <b>4.5</b>                      | <b>4.5</b>             | <b>367,448</b>       | <b>367,448</b>               |
| Post-Acute Clinic      | 4.5         | 4.5                             | 4.5                    | 367,448              | 367,448                      |
| <b>Cork</b>            | <b>9</b>    | <b>7.5</b>                      | <b>7.5</b>             | <b>1,127,647</b>     | <b>684,799</b>               |
| Long Covid             | 4.5         | 4                               | 4                      | 760,199              | 438,553                      |
| Post-Acute Clinic      | 4.5         | 3.5                             | 3.5                    | 367,448              | 246,246                      |
| <b>Galway</b>          | <b>9.9</b>  | <b>8.1</b>                      | <b>7.9</b>             | <b>1,377,016</b>     | <b>888,991</b>               |
| Long Covid             | 4.7         | 3.9                             | 3.9                    | 686,141              | 367,174                      |
| Post-Acute Clinic      | 5.2         | 4.2                             | 4                      | 690,875              | 521,817                      |
| <b>Letterkenny</b>     | <b>4.5</b>  | <b>0.5</b>                      | <b>0.5</b>             | <b>377,925</b>       | <b>36,309</b>                |
| Post-Acute Clinic      | 4.5         | 0.5                             | 0.5                    | 377,925              | 36,309                       |
| <b>MMUH</b>            | <b>4.5</b>  | <b>4</b>                        | <b>4</b>               | <b>367,448</b>       | <b>327,345</b>               |
| Post-Acute Clinic      | 4.5         | 4                               | 4                      | 367,448              | 327,345                      |
| <b>St. James's</b>     | <b>10.8</b> | <b>10.3</b>                     | <b>8.5</b>             | <b>1,581,268</b>     | <b>907,407</b>               |
| Long Covid             | 6.3         | 5.8                             | 4                      | 1,204,057            | 564,488                      |
| Post-Acute Clinic      | 4.5         | 4.5                             | 4.5                    | 377,211              | 342,919                      |
| <b>St. Vincent's</b>   | <b>4.5</b>  | <b>4.5</b>                      | <b>4.5</b>             | <b>711,161</b>       | <b>656,176</b>               |
| Long Covid             | 4.5         | 4.5                             | 4.5                    | 711,161              | 656,176                      |
| <b>Tallaght</b>        | <b>4.5</b>  | <b>4.5</b>                      | <b>4</b>               | <b>363,716</b>       | <b>290,998</b>               |
| Post-Acute Clinic      | 4.5         | 4.5                             | 4                      | 363,716              | 290,998                      |
| <b>UH Limerick</b>     | <b>9.2</b>  | <b>5.2</b>                      | <b>4.2</b>             | <b>1,098,860</b>     | <b>249,581</b>               |
| Long Covid             | 4.7         | 1.2                             | 1.2                    | 706,175              | 61,572                       |
| Post-Acute Clinic      | 4.5         | 4                               | 3                      | 392,686              | 188,009                      |
| <b>Grand Total</b>     | <b>65.9</b> | <b>53.6</b>                     | <b>50.1</b>            | <b>8,064,249</b>     | <b>4,872,907</b>             |





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**Table 2**  
**Long Covid Activity as at December 2023**

| Hospital                       | Clinic Type      | Operating Since | New Patients Seen | Repeat Patients Seen | Awaiting Appointments at end of Dec 23 |
|--------------------------------|------------------|-----------------|-------------------|----------------------|--|
| Beaumont                       | Long Covid       | Mar-22          | 189               | 185                  | 8                                      |
| Connolly                       | Post Acute Covid | Mar-22          | 132               | 192                  | 0                                      |
| Cork University                | Long Covid       | Mar-22          | 96                | 145                  | 6                                      |
|                                | Post Acute Covid | Mar-22          |                   |                      |  |
| Galway University              | Long Covid       | Mar-22          | 179               | 284                  | 35                                     |
|                                | Post Acute Covid | Mar-22          |                   |                      |  |
| Letterkenny University         | Post Acute Covid | Not operational |                   |                      |  |
| Mater Misericordiae University | Post Acute Covid | Sep-22          | 30                | 32                   | 0                                      |
| St. James's                    | Long Covid       | Mar-22          | 235               | 311                  | 27                                     |
|                                | Post Acute Covid | Mar-22          |                   |                      |  |
| St. Vincent's University       | Long Covid       | Mar-22          | 219               | 527                  | 21                                     |
| Tallaght University            | Post Acute Covid | Jan-22          | 216               | 235                  | 151                                    |
| UH Limerick                    | Long Covid       | Nov-22          | 51                | 20                   | 0                                      |
|                                | Post Acute Covid | Nov-22          |                   |                      |  |
| <b>Grand Total</b>             |                  |                 | <b>1,347</b>      | <b>1,931</b>         | <b>248</b>                             |