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Deputy Denis Naughten,  
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***PQ 11395/24 - To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 290 of 15 June 2023, the number of full-time posts allocated to post-acute and long Covid clinics, by clinic and speciality; if the position has been filled; if an offer has been made; if a recruitment competition is ongoing; if the HSE recruitment process has commenced in view of the emerging evidence on long Covid; 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.

The tables below provide details of the approved service development posts by clinic and specialty, including their recruitment status as at 24<sup>th</sup> February 2024.

I trust this is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,



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**Table 1 Recruitment Status for Post-Acute Covid Clinics as at 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2024**

HG	Hospital	Grade	WTE	Recruitment Status
DMHG	St. James's Hospital	Registrar, Specialist	1	Onboarded
DMHG	St. James's Hospital	Physiotherapist, Clinical Specialist	1	Onboarded
DMHG	St. James's Hospital	Grade IV	0.5	Onboarded
DMHG	St. James's Hospital	Respiratory Physiologist	1	Onboarded
DMHG	St. James's Hospital	Physiotherapist, Senior	0.5	Onboarded
DMHG	St. James's Hospital	Grade IV	0.5	Onboarded
	<b>St. James's Hospital Total</b>		<b>4.5</b>	
DMHG	Tallaght University	Registrar, Specialist	1	Onboarded
DMHG	Tallaght University	Physiotherapist, Clinical Specialist	0.5	Onboarded
DMHG	Tallaght University	Grade IV	0.5	Onboarded
DMHG	Tallaght University	Cardiac Physiologist	1	Onboarded
DMHG	Tallaght University	Medical Scientist	0.5	Onboarded
DMHG	Tallaght University	Occupational Therapist, Senior	0.5	Onboarded
DMHG	Tallaght University	Psychologist Assistant	0.5	Onboarded
	<b>Tallaght University Total</b>		<b>4.5</b>	
IEHG	Mater Misericordiae University	Registrar, Specialist	1	Onboarded
IEHG	Mater Misericordiae University	Physiotherapist, Clinical Specialist	0.5	Campaign Underway
IEHG	Mater Misericordiae University	Grade IV	0.5	Onboarded
IEHG	Mater Misericordiae University	Respiratory Physiologist	1	Onboarded
IEHG	Mater Misericordiae University	Cardiac Physiologist	1	Onboarded
IEHG	Mater Misericordiae University	Medical Scientist	0.5	Onboarded
	<b>Mater Misericordiae University Total</b>		<b>4.5</b>	
RCSI	Connolly Hospital	Registrar, Specialist	1	Onboarded
RCSI	Connolly Hospital	Physiotherapist, Clinical Specialist	0.5	Onboarded

RCSI	Connolly Hospital	Grade IV	0.5	Onboarded
RCSI	Connolly Hospital	Respiratory Physiologist	1	Onboarded
RCSI	Connolly Hospital	Cardiac Physiologist	1	Onboarded
RCSI	Connolly Hospital	Medical Scientist	0.5	Onboarded
	<b>Connolly Hospital Total</b>		<b>4.5</b>	
Saolta	Galway University	Registrar, Specialist	1	Onboarded
Saolta	Galway University	Physiotherapist, Clinical Specialist	1	Onboarded
Saolta	Galway University	Grade IV	0.5	Onboarded
Saolta	Galway University	Cardiac Physiologist	0.2	Onboarded
Saolta	Galway University	Respiratory Physiologist	1	Stopped Temporarily
Saolta	Galway University	Medical Scientist	0.5	Onboarded
Saolta	Galway University	Consultant Respiratory & General Physician	1	Onboarded
	<b>Galway University Total</b>		<b>5.2</b>	
Saolta	Letterkenny University	Registrar, Specialist	1	Post Approved
Saolta	Letterkenny University	Physiotherapist, Clinical Specialist	0.5	Stopped Temporarily
Saolta	Letterkenny University	Grade IV	0.5	Stopped Temporarily
Saolta	Letterkenny University	Cardiac Physiologist, Senior	1	Stopped Temporarily
Saolta	Letterkenny University	Respiratory Physiologist	1	Stopped Temporarily
Saolta	Letterkenny University	Medical Scientist	0.5	Onboarded
	<b>Letterkenny University Total</b>		<b>4.5</b>	
SSWHG	Cork University	Registrar, Specialist	1	Onboarded
SSWHG	Cork University	Physiotherapist, Clinical Specialist	0.5	Onboarded
SSWHG	Cork University	Grade IV	0.5	Onboarded
SSWHG	Cork University	Respiratory Physiologist	1	Campaign to be assigned
SSWHG	Cork University	Cardiac Physiologist	1	Onboarded
SSWHG	Cork University	Medical Scientist	0.5	Onboarded
	<b>Cork University Total</b>		<b>4.5</b>	
ULHG	University of Limerick	Registrar, Specialist	1	Onboarded
ULHG	University of Limerick	Physiotherapist, Clinical Specialist	0.5	Onboarded
ULHG	University of Limerick	Grade IV	0.5	Onboarded
ULHG	University of Limerick	Cardiac Physiologist	0.5	Campaign Underway
ULHG	University of Limerick	Advanced Nurse Practitioner (General)	1	Onboarded
ULHG	University of Limerick	Respiratory Physiologist	1	Onboarded
	<b>University of Limerick Total</b>		<b>4.5</b>	

**Table 2 Recruitment Status for Long Covid Clinics as at 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2024**

HG	Hospital	Grade	WTE	Recruitment Status
DMHG	St. James's Hospital	Registrar, Specialist	1	Onboarded
DMHG	St. James's Hospital	Consultant Physician in ID	1	Onboarded
DMHG	St. James's Hospital	Grade VI	1	Onboarded
DMHG	St. James's Hospital	Occupational Therapist, Senior	1	Onboarded
DMHG	St. James's Hospital	Consultant General Adult Psychiatrist	0.5	Campaign Underway
DMHG	St. James's Hospital	Psychologist, Principal Clinical	0.8	Onboarded
DMHG	St. James's Hospital	Consultant Neurologist	1	Onboarded
	<b>St. James's Hospital Total</b>		<b>6.3</b>	
IEHG	St. Vincent's University	Consultant Physician in ID	1	Onboarded
IEHG	St. Vincent's University	Physiotherapist, Senior	1	Onboarded
IEHG	St. Vincent's University	Clinical Nurse Specialist (General)	0.5	Onboarded
IEHG	St. Vincent's University	Registrar, Specialist	1	Onboarded
IEHG	St. Vincent's University	Psychologist, Senior Clinical	1	Onboarded
	<b>St. Vincent's University Total</b>		<b>4.5</b>	
RCSI	Beaumont Hospital	Consultant Physician in ID	1	Onboarded
RCSI	Beaumont Hospital	Grade VI	1	Onboarded
RCSI	Beaumont Hospital	Physiotherapist, Clinical Specialist	1	Onboarded
RCSI	Beaumont Hospital	Registrar, Specialist	1	Onboarded
RCSI	Beaumont Hospital	Psychologist, Senior Clinical	0.5	Onboarded
	<b>Beaumont Hospital Total</b>		<b>4.5</b>	
Saolta	Galway University	Occupational Therapist, CS	0.9	Onboarded
Saolta	Galway University	Consultant Physician in ID	1	Onboarded
Saolta	Galway University	Grade IV	0.5	Onboarded
Saolta	Galway University	Registrar, Specialist	1	Onboarded
Saolta	Galway University	Staff Nurse - General	0.8	Stopped Temporarily
Saolta	Galway University	Psychologist, Senior Clinical	0.5	Onboarded
	<b>Galway University Total</b>		<b>4.7</b>	
SSWHG	Cork University	Consultant Physician in ID	1	Onboarded
SSWHG	Cork University	Grade IV	1	Onboarded
SSWHG	Cork University	Registrar, Specialist	1	Onboarded
SSWHG	Cork University	Consultant General Adult Psychiatrist	0.5	Campaign Underway
SSWHG	Cork University	Occupational Therapist, Senior	1	Onboarded
	<b>Cork University Total</b>		<b>4.5</b>	
ULHG	University of Limerick	Consultant Physician in ID	1	Campaign Underway

ULHG	University of Limerick	Physiotherapist, Senior	0.5	Onboarded
ULHG	University of Limerick	Psychologist, Senior Clinical	0.7	Onboarded
ULHG	University of Limerick	Occupational Therapist, Senior	0.5	Campaign Underway
ULHG	University of Limerick	Registrar, Specialist	1	Campaign Underway
ULHG	University of Limerick	Grade VI	1	Stopped Temporarily
	<b>University of Limerick Total</b>		<b><u>4.7</u></b>	