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Deputy Denis Naughten
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PQ 28988/23 - To ask the Minister for Health 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 spend and the expenditure to date relates solely to the implementation of the Long-COVID MoC.

Table 1 below details the dates the clinics started seeing patients. It also shows the related staff costs incurred in both 2022 and 2023. The table also contains 2022 activity data and patients waiting to be seen at the end of December 2022.



I trust this is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brian Dunne". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

**Brian Dunne, General Manager,
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Table 1
Long Covid 2022 Activity, Payroll Costs 2022/23

Hospital	Clinic	2022 spend	2023 Spend projected	operating since	new patients seen	repeat patients seen	awaiting appointments
St James	Long COVID	373,669	624,604	Mar-22	217	217	NA
	Post COVID	138,892	311,607	Mar-22			
CUH	Long COVID	16,382	343,136	Mar-22	217	217	52
	Post COVID	18,478	196,747	Mar-22			
UHL	Long COVID	-	52,651	Nov-22	217	217	24
	Post COVID	50,622	186,453	Nov-22			
GUH	Long COVID	-	310,261	Mar-22	217	217	60
	Post COVID	-	376,330	Mar-22			
Beaumont	Long COVID	-	465,323	Mar-22	254	57	83
James Connolly	Post COVID	251,634	282,909	Mar-22	210	109	103
Tallaght	Post COVID	21,411	110,255	Jan-22	379	145	282
MMUH	Post COVID	103,189	265,234	Sep-22	49	77	1
Letterkenny	Post COVID	-	22,575	n/a	0	0	0
SVUH	Long COVID	164,305	475,864	Mar-22	217	293	158
Totals		1,138,581	4,023,947		1,977	1,549	763

note : Letterkenny clinic has yet to commence service.