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**PQ 32574/24 To ask the Minister for Health the number of referrals made to the long-Covid clinic, by county; the average waiting timeframe, broken down by length of time of 3, 6, 12+ months, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

Dear Deputy Brady,

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.

Table 1 below outlines the number of referrals made to Long Covid clinics and the average waiting time, in days, by clinic, at year end 2023.

Table 2 below outlines the number of referrals made to Long Covid clinics and the average waiting time, in days, by clinic, at end of May 2024.

I trust this is of assistance.

Yours sincerely,

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**Table 1**

### Number of new referrals and average waiting times, by clinic, at year end 2023

*\*The Post Acute Covid Clinic at Connolly Hospital ceased operating in August 2023. Service is now provided in Beaumont Hospital*

*\*\*Waiting time data is collected in days*

Year	Clinic Location	Clinic Type	No. of new referrals	Ave. waiting time as at year end**
2023	St James's Hospital	Combined	260	56
2023	St James's Hospital	Neuro Clinic	24	95
2023	Tallaght University Hospital	Combined	136	80
2023	St. Vincent's University Hospital	Long Covid	228	47
2023	Beaumont Hospital	Long Covid	169	51
2023	Mater Misericordiae University Hospital	Post Covid	55	30.5
2023	Connolly Hospital*	Post Covid	89	180
2023	Cork University Hospital	Long Covid	210	30
2023	University Hospital Limerick	Long Covid	47	200
2023	Galway University Hospital	Combined	128	97

**Table 2****Number of new referrals and average waiting times, by clinic, at end of May 2024***\*Waiting time data is collected in days*

<b>Year</b>	<b>Clinic Location</b>	<b>Clinic Type</b>	<b>No. of new referrals</b>	<b>Ave. waiting time as at end of May 2024*</b>
2024	St James's Hospital	Combined	53	33
2024	St James's Hospital	Neuro Clinic	56	100
2024	Tallaght University Hospital	Combined	45	35
2024	St. Vincent's University Hospital	Long Covid	73	112
2024	Beaumont Hospital	Long Covid	59	112
2024	Mater Misericordiae University Hospital	Post Covid	24	30.5
2024	Cork University Hospital	Long Covid	67	28
2024	University Hospital Limerick	Long Covid	19	77
2024	Galway University Hospital	Combined	61	112