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PQ 32945/24 - To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 408 of 7 March 2024, the corresponding figures in terms of both drawdown and activity for the first six months of 2024; 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 the previous referenced PQ 11394 response, you were provided with details relating to the service development posts allocated to each Long Covid and Post-Acute clinic, the number of posts onboarded, the full year cost (FYC) of the posts and the funding drawn down in 2023. This information was available as these service developments posts were monitored and funded centrally. I note that you are now seeking the same information for 2024 to date.

You will be aware that operational governance has been delegated to the Health Regions in 2024 and consequently it is not possible to respond in the same way to your request. The Pay and Numbers Strategy 2024 has been approved and provides that all service development posts in place at the end of December 2023 are fully funded within the spend limits and WTE limits for each Region. Each Region has received its own specified number of WTEs and have within that approved WTE and related total pay spend limit, the authority to replace, recruit and prioritise. This means that, as each Region now has the authority to manage its own staff allocation within the approved WTE Limit, they will not be affected by challenges should they occur in other parts of the organisation. However, within a Region, any one individual part exceeding the limit will affect all parts of that area.

Therefore, while having regard to national policy and priorities, each Region is empowered to consider and prioritise the use or reallocation of a post once they are within the approved WTE limit and spend limit. Accordingly, the information required to update the response to PQ 11394 with regard to the recruitment status of the listed posts is not currently available.

With regard to the activity information requested, please find in Table 1 below the activity metrics for the first 6 months of 2024.

I trust this is of assistance.

Yours sincerely,



A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Carol Ivory'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping tail on the 'y'.

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Table 1: Activity metrics in Long and Post-Acute Covid Clinics from January to June 2024, by clinic

Beaumont Hospital:

Month	Clinic	Clinic type	Number of patients on waiting List at end of calendar month	<u>Routine Patients:</u> Average number of days from referral to new patient review	<u>Non Routine / Urgent Patients:</u> Average number of days from referral to new patient review	Dedicated clinic running (yes/no)	If dedicated clinic is running how many clinics in this cal month	Number of new referrals in the calendar month	Number of new patients seen in the calendar month	Number of review patients seen in the calendar month	Number of patients discharged
Jan-24	Beaumont Hospital	Long Covid	2	49	0	Yes	3	29	9	15	0
Feb-24	Beaumont Hospital	Long Covid	54	61	0	Yes	4	10	7	24	0
Mar-24	Beaumont Hospital	Long Covid	44	286	0	Yes	3	12	11	19	0
Apr-24	Beaumont Hospital	Long Covid	46	290	data not available	Yes	4	7	8	20	0
May-24	Beaumont Hospital	Long Covid	41	112	0	Yes	4	1	17	25	0
Jun-24	Beaumont Hospital	Long Covid	37	192	0	Yes	4	1	19	22	2

Cork University Hospital:





Month	Clinic	Clinic type	Number of patients on waiting List at end of calendar month	Routine Patients: Average number of days from referral to new patient review	Non Routine / Urgent Patients: Average number of days from referral to new patient review	Dedicated clinic running (yes/no)	If dedicated clinic is running how many clinics in this cal month	Number of new referrals in the calendar month	Number of new patients seen in the calendar month	Number of review patients seen in the calendar month	Number of patients discharged
Jan-24	Cork University Hospital	Long Covid	11	28	7	Yes	5	24	16	39	7
Feb-24	Cork University Hospital	Long Covid	9	28	7	Yes	4	9	14	46	15
Mar-24	Cork University Hospital	Long Covid	6	28	7	Yes	4	4	12	26	12
Apr-24	Cork University Hospital	Long Covid	8	28	7	Yes	5	13	10	47	4
May-24	Cork University Hospital	Long Covid	16	28	7	Yes	4	17	11	35	9
Jun-24	Cork University Hospital	Long Covid	14	28	7	Yes	4	11	9	37	8

Galway University Hospital:

Month	Clinic	Clinic type	Number of patients on waiting List at end of calendar month	Routine Patients: Average number of days from referral to new patient review	Non Routine / Urgent Patients: Average number of days from referral to new patient review	Dedicated clinic running (yes/no)	If dedicated clinic is running how many clinics in this cal month	Number of new referrals in the calendar month	Number of new patients seen in the calendar month	Number of review patients seen in the calendar month	Number of patients discharged
Jan-24	Galway University Hospital	Combined	36	106	0	Yes	4	16	13	41	data not available
Feb-24	Galway University Hospital	Combined	45	96	0	Yes	4	17	10	44	data not available
Mar-24	Galway University Hospital	Combined	43	85	0	Yes	4	9	3	45	13
Apr-24	Galway University Hospital	Combined	35	50	data not available	Yes	4	6	15	31	10
May-24	Galway University Hospital	Combined	30	112	0	Yes	4	13	16	33	12
Jun-24	Galway University Hospital	Combined	28	107	data not available	Yes	4	7	14	28	13



MMUH:

Month	Clinic	Clinic type	Number of patients on waiting List at end of calendar month	Routine Patients: Average number of days from referral to new patient review	Non Routine / Urgent Patients: Average number of days from referral to new patient review	Dedicat ed clinic running (yes/no)	If dedicated clinic is running how many clinics in this cal month	Number of new referrals in the calendar month	Number of new patients seen in the calendar month	Number of review patients seen in the calendar month	Number of patients discharged
Jan-24	Mater Misericordiae University	Post Acute	0	30.5		Yes	2	2	3	5	2
Feb-24	Mater Misericordiae University	Post Acute	0	30.5		Yes	2	9	3	3	2
Mar-24	Mater Misericordiae University	Post Acute	0	30.5	data not available	Yes	2	3	9	10	4
Apr-24	Mater Misericordiae University	Post Acute	5	42	data not available	Yes	2	7	3	4	1
May-24	Mater Misericordiae University	Post Acute	0	30.5	data not available	Yes	2	3	2	22	5
Jun-24	Mater Misericordiae University	Post Acute	0	42	data not available	Yes	2	6	3	10	1

St. James' Hospital:





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Jan-24	St James's Hospital	Combined	20	24	0	Yes	8	9	15	22	15
Jan-24	St James's Hospital	Neurology _SJH	35	84	0	Yes	6	12	10	7	2
Feb-24	St James's Hospital	Combined	6	25	0	Yes	4	2	15	24	6
Feb-24	St James's Hospital	Neurology _SJH	39	78	49	Yes	3	11	6	4	6
Mar-24	St James's Hospital	Combined	19	55	data not available	Yes	5	20	8	24	2
Mar-24	St James's Hospital	Neurology _SJH	32	90	data not available	Yes	7	9	12	4	1
Apr-24	St James's Hospital	Combined	12	41	data not available	Yes	4	7	11	17	5
Apr-24	St James's Hospital	Neurology _SJH	43	98	data not available	Yes	3	20	6	3	1
May-24	St James's Hospital	Combined	19	33	0	Yes	6	15	6	23	5
May-24	St James's Hospital	Neurology _SJH	30	100	0	Yes	7	4	14	9	2
Jun-24	St James's Hospital	Combined	11	32	data not available	Yes	4	6	15	23	10

St. Vincent's University Hospital:

Month	Clinic	Clinic type	Number of patients on waiting List at end of calendar month	<u>Routine Patients:</u> Average number of days from referral to new patient review	<u>Non Routine / Urgent Patients:</u> Average number of days from referral to new patient review	Dedicated clinic running (yes/no)	If dedicated clinic is running how many clinics in this cal month	Number of new referrals in the calendar month	Number of new patients seen in the calendar month	Number of review patients seen in the calendar month	Number of patients discharged
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Jan-24	St. Vincent's University Hospital	Long Covid	25	60	9	Yes	8	16	10	71	10
Feb-24	St. Vincent's University Hospital	Long Covid	26	121	28	Yes	8	18	11	62	9
Mar-24	St. Vincent's University Hospital	Long Covid	33	No data available	112	Yes	6	13	2	55	10
Apr-24	St. Vincent's University Hospital	Long Covid	38	110	data not available	Yes	8	18	11	70	15
May-24	St. Vincent's University Hospital	Long Covid	38	112	8	Yes	7	8	10	54	13
Jun-24	St. Vincent's University Hospital	Long Covid	31	118	29	Yes	7	10	10	53	13

Tallaght University Hospital:

Month	Clinic	Clinic type	Number of patients on waiting List at end of calendar month	<u>Routine Patients:</u> Average number of days from referral to new patient review	<u>Non Routine / Urgent Patients:</u> Average number of days from referral to new patient review	Dedicat ed clinic running (yes/no)	If dedicated clinic is running how many clinics in this cal month	Number of new referrals in the calendar month	Number of new patients seen in the calendar month	Number of review patients seen in the calendar month	Number of patients discharged
Jan-24	Tallaght University Hospital	Combined	130	50	60	Yes	5	12	18	22	7
Feb-24	Tallaght University Hospital	Combined	130	42	42	Yes	5	11	11	25	20
Mar-24	Tallaght University Hospital	Combined	130	42	42	Yes	4	9	13	14	9
Apr-24	Tallaght University Hospital	Combined	119	35	42	Yes	3	11	10	10	19
May-24	Tallaght University Hospital	Combined	72	35	42	Yes	5	2	11	21	27
Jun-24	Tallaght University Hospital	Combined	51	0	42	Yes	4	4	5	22	24

University Hospital Limerick:





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Jan-24	University Hospital Limerick	Long Covid	0	182	182	Yes	2	2	4	11	no data available
Feb-24	University Hospital Limerick	Long Covid	0	185	185	Yes	2	3	4	21	2
Mar-24	University Hospital Limerick	Long Covid	0	202	data not available	Yes	2	4	2	16	0
Apr-24	University Hospital Limerick	Long Covid	25	56	data not available	Yes	2	3	4	17	1
May-24	University Hospital Limerick	Long Covid	28	77	data not available	Yes	1	7	3	7	2
Jun-24	University Hospital Limerick	Long Covid	31	79	data not available	Yes	1	5	3	11	1