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PQ 12580/24: To ask the Minister for Health if an extension will be given to those people working in the HSE, that is, nurses who are out on sick leave due to long-Covid and whose full pay is to end in March 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Michael Healy-Rae

Details Supplied: Minister if a nurse is presently out on long covid the end of March is the date that their full payment of their pay is to cease, will the department for health look at extending this time frame.

Dear Deputy,

I refer to your recent Parliamentary Question which was sent to the HSE for response.

The *Temporary Scheme of Paid Leave for Public Health Service Employees Unfit for Work post COVID-19 Infection* expired on 31 March 2024 as set out in this Circular. <https://www.hse.ie/eng/staff/resources/hr-circulars/hr-circular-025-2023-sanction-for-scheme-of-paid-leave-for-public-health-service-employees-unfit-for-work-post-covid-19-infection-until-31-march-2024.pdf>.

If an employee remains unwell beyond 31st March 2024, the provisions of the Public Service Sick Leave Scheme may be utilised.

I trust this clarifies and is of some assistance.

Yours sincerely,

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National HR**