



21st May, 2024

Deputy David Stanton, TD
Dáil Éireann
Leinster House
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RE: PQ 19986/24

To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons in the State estimated to be suffering from long-Covid; and if he will make a statement on the matter

Dear Deputy Stanton,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in relation to the above parliamentary question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have consulted with the National Clinical Programme (NCP) for Infectious Disease on your question and have been informed that the following outlines the position.

International data would suggest that between 5-10% of those who are diagnosed with COVID-19 develop persistent symptoms and could be classified as having Long COVID, depending on the definition applied.

In Ireland, to help understand more about how people are recovering from COVID-19, HSE Public Health launched the FADA Survey. FADA stands for "Follow-up After Disease Acquisition". This study looked at the development of persistent symptoms following a COVID-19 diagnosis, capturing lived experiences of respondents. The results of this FADA study are awaited.

More details on this study are available on the HSE's website at the following link:
<https://www.hse.ie/eng/services/list/5/publichealth/publichealthdepts/research/long-covid-study/>

I trust this information is of assistance to you, but should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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