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To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary No 409 of 7th March 2024 and 2431 of 23 July 2024, the number of full-time posts allocated to post acute and long COVID clinics, by clinic and speciality, in the HSE South West Health Region; if the position has been filled and the patient face tie provided by the clinician concerned; if an offer has been made; if a recruitment competition is ongoing; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Naughten

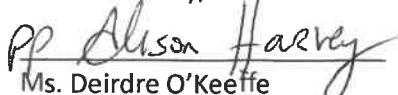
The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

The Infectious Diseases Department manage the Long COVID Clinics. There is a weekly clinic staffed with an Occupational Therapist, a Psychologist, a Medical Consultant and a Medical Registrar. The clinic is supported by a Consultant Psychiatrist. There are no ongoing recruitment campaigns.

The Respiratory Service manage the Post Acute Covid Clinic. This is staffed by 1 WTE Specialist Registrar, 0.5 WTE Clinical Specialist Physiotherapist, 1 WTE Cardiac Physiologist, 0.5 WTE Medical Scientist. The clinic is also funded for 1 WTE Grad IV Admin and 1 WTE Respiratory Physiologist but these two post were held up by the moratorium. The Admin post is currently at offer stage of the recruitment process.

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,


Ms. Deirdre O'Keefe
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