

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL SECURITY
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 4th MAY 2021**

Question

Will the Minister state what consideration has been given to subsidising G.P. fees for patients suffering from 'long Covid' who may require repeat G.P. consultations, especially in the case of front-line healthcare workers who may have been at higher risk of exposure to Covid-19 and who may face longer term health problems?

Answer

Written Question 181/2021, presented by the Minister for Health and Social Services outlines activity to address long-covid, which is emerging as a new health condition. The National Institute for Health Care and Excellence defines long-covid as that where symptoms last more than 12 weeks. These symptoms can be mild in nature but for others can be debilitating and require referral to secondary care specialists. The long-covid response plan will identify how best to support people and it is anticipated that a role for occupational health and primary care will be identified and issues of access considered.