

Reference: FOI.ICB-2324/229

Subject: Long Covid Clinics

*I can confirm that the ICB **does hold the information requested**; please see responses below:*

QUESTION	RESPONSE
1. Do you oversee a Long Covid Clinic?	Sirona care & health provide a Long Covid service/clinic
2. How many clinics?	Clinic appointments are delivered both remotely (by telephone) and face to face from up to 7 different sites spread across Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire. Sirona work in partnership with the Bristol ME service (North Bristol NHS Trust) and NHS Talking Therapies.
3. Since opening, how many patients have been admitted to the clinic(s)?	To date, the Sirona Long Covid service has received 2728 referrals since opening in August 2020.
4. In the same period, how many people have been discharged?	To date 2065 people have been discharged from the service. However, many of these may have ongoing support from the Bristol ME service or NHS Talking Therapies.
5. NHS England has said it will cease to fund Long Covid services nationally from end of March 2024 with ICBs	The ICB has been in contact with NHS England who have confirmed that national funding for Long COVID services will not cease after March 2024. It is anticipated that funding from NHS England to

<p>taking control of funding decisions. Has your ICB decided if it will continue funding the long covid clinic(s)?</p>	<p>support Long COVID services will in future be allocated directly to ICB's.</p> <p>From April 2024, NHS England's central Long COVID programme which directed long COVID policy and establishment of services will cease as long COVID services are delivered as business as usual for the NHS, which means that ICBs will be responsible for the continued delivery of these services, in accordance with the guidance established, and population need.</p>
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The information provided in this response is accurate as of 4 October 2023 and has been approved for release by Sarah Truelove, Deputy Chief Executive and Chief Finance Officer for NHS Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire ICB.