



**Reference:** FOI.ICB-2425/007

**Subject:** Long Covid Correspondence

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

QUESTION	RESPONSE
<p>I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request copies of any email or WhatsApp correspondence to or from the medical director or equivalent of your health board or integrated care board - including any correspondence sent via their PAs or secretaries - since 1 April 2021, containing the following terms within the body of the email or any attachments: Long Covid AND, any of the following: Nice OR National Institute for Health and Care Excellence guidelines; GMC OR General medical council; Medicalise; Psychological; Functional; Psychosomatic; Fabricated OR FII</p>	<p>Please find requested information attached. One email was found to contain the requested terms. There was no WhatsApp correspondence containing the requested terms.</p>

***The information provided in this response is accurate as of 9<sup>th</sup> April 2024 and has been approved for release by Jo Medhurst, Chief Medical Officer for NHS Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire ICB.***

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**To:** [REDACTED] (NHS BRISTOL, NORTH SOMERSET AND SOUTH GLOUCESTERSHIRE ICB - 15C); [REDACTED] (NHS BRISTOL, NORTH SOMERSET AND SOUTH GLOUCESTERSHIRE ICB - 15C); [REDACTED] (GP LOCUM)  
**Subject:** RE: Publication of the NHS plan for improving long COVID services  
**Date:** 08 August 2022 13:34:00  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)  
[image002.png](#)

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Very helpful thx

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**From:** [REDACTED] (NHS BRISTOL, NORTH SOMERSET AND SOUTH GLOUCESTERSHIRE ICB - 15C)

**Sent:** 08 August 2022 12:06

**To:** [REDACTED] (NHS BRISTOL, NORTH SOMERSET AND SOUTH GLOUCESTERSHIRE ICB - 15C); [REDACTED] (NHS BRISTOL, NORTH SOMERSET AND SOUTH GLOUCESTERSHIRE ICB - 15C); [REDACTED] (NHS BRISTOL, NORTH SOMERSET AND SOUTH GLOUCESTERSHIRE ICB - 15C)

**Subject:** RE: Publication of the NHS plan for improving long COVID services

Hi [REDACTED]

Thanks for your email and I'm looking forward to working with you. [REDACTED] is correct that long Covid for adults is now managed as BAU by Sirona. Internally in the ICB, [REDACTED] is the contract manager as it is part of the wider Sirona contract and [REDACTED] is the finance lead. I am still the ICB 'named lead' for NHS England colleagues such as [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] is our GP clinical lead.

<https://remedy.bnssgccg.nhs.uk/covid-19/long-covid-after-12-weeks/>

In Sirona [REDACTED] is the clinical lead and the management lead has recently changed from [REDACTED] to [REDACTED]. I am meeting [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] next week as an introduction and to go through the new commissioning guidelines. I've had a look at them and it appears there's not much that is significantly new for us, but we'll go through them in more detail. Staffing and capacity are our biggest issues.

For CYP there was a regional hub hosted by the Bristol Childrens Hospital which was commissioned directly by NHS E. This seems to currently fall within the remit of specialised commissioning. The last I heard was that this had been paused at the end of March due to the end of the funding, but I'll let you know if there are any significant issues around this.

Please let me know if you would like any more information or to meet and discuss.

Thanks

[REDACTED]  
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**From:** [REDACTED] (NHS BRISTOL, NORTH SOMERSET AND SOUTH GLOUCESTERSHIRE ICB - 15C) [REDACTED]

**Sent:** 05 August 2022 17:30

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**Subject:** RE: Publication of the NHS plan for improving long COVID services

Thankyou [REDACTED].

Hello [REDACTED] - can you respond to me formally that Sirona are reviewing this guidance- I am sure you are- and highlight for me any issues that may require ICB attention.

Many thx.

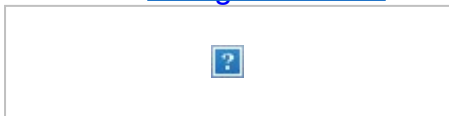
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**From:** [REDACTED] (NHS BRISTOL, NORTH SOMERSET AND SOUTH GLOUCESTERSHIRE ICB - 15C) [REDACTED]

**Sent:** 05 August 2022 16:11

**To:** [REDACTED] (NHS BRISTOL, NORTH SOMERSET AND SOUTH GLOUCESTERSHIRE ICB - 15C) [REDACTED] [REDACTED] (NHS BRISTOL, NORTH SOMERSET AND SOUTH GLOUCESTERSHIRE ICB - 15C) [REDACTED]; [REDACTED] (NHS BRISTOL, NORTH SOMERSET AND SOUTH GLOUCESTERSHIRE ICB - 15C) [REDACTED]

**Subject:** RE: Publication of the NHS plan for improving long COVID services

[REDACTED],

Long Covid has been stood down as a project within ICB and is now BAU with Sirona Healthcare- [REDACTED] | Programme Manager Healthier Together was involved with this work so I have copied her in for relevant information regarding leads within Sirona.

Kind regards

Executive PA to [REDACTED], Medical Director and [REDACTED] Chief Medical Officer  
Personal Assistant to [REDACTED], Deputy Director Medicines Optimisation.

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**Sent:** 05 August 2022 16:04

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**Cc:** [REDACTED] (NHS BRISTOL, NORTH SOMERSET AND SOUTH GLOUCESTERSHIRE ICB - 15C)

**Subject:** FW: Publication of the NHS plan for improving long COVID services

Hi who leads on long covid ??

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**From:** POST COVID, London (NHS ENGLAND – X24) <[london.postcovid@nhs.net](mailto:london.postcovid@nhs.net)>

**Sent:** 28 July 2022 14:17

**Subject:** Publication of the NHS plan for improving long COVID services

Dear reader,

NHS England has published the NHS plan for improving Long Covid services. This plan sets out the framework for Long Covid services in 2022/23, and an update on the actions set out in 2021. This plan has been developed with expert insights from those with lived experience of Long

COVID, clinicians and partners across the health and care system. It builds on the significant progress made over the past 2 years and sets out the action needed to ensure support is there for everyone who needs it, and patients requiring specialist assessment and treatment can access care in a timely way.

Best Regards,

[REDACTED]

Clinical Networks Business Support Assistant  
Medical Directorate  
NHS England and NHS Improvement – London

[REDACTED]

# Long COVID prevalence - UK

**2.1 million** (3.3% of the population) people were experiencing self-reporting long COVID as of **4 Dec 2022** (data published 5 Jan 2023).

The previous data release, published on **1 Dec 2022** was **2.2 million** people (3.4% of the population).

*We are currently conducting a survey of doctors with long COVID, more information can be found [here](#).*

