

**Westminster Health Forum policy conference:
Next steps for long COVID care and research in England**

Timing: Morning, Tuesday, 21st May 2024

Taking Place Online



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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 9.05 **Progress and priorities for long COVID care, and the impact of assessment clinics**
Dr Melissa Heightman, Clinical Lead, Post-COVID Services, University College London Hospitals NHS Trust; and National Specialty Advisor, Long COVID Programme, NHS England
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 **Assessing new commissioning arrangements, improving diagnosis and developing effective care pathways for long COVID**
the role of integrated care systems | service referral and accessibility to services | using data and population health approaches | progress on the NHS long COVID plan | tackling inequalities and priorities for public awareness | care and pathways for young people
Professor Carolyn Chew-Graham, GP Principal, The Chorlton Family Practice, Manchester; and Professor of General Practice Research, Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences, Keele University
Dr Terry Segal, Consultant Adolescent Paediatrician and Co-Lead, Pan London CYP Post-COVID Service, University College London Hospitals
Melissa Sundrum, Clinical Lead for Long COVID and Pulmonary Rehab Services, East London Foundation Trust
Ruth Barlow, Long COVID Team Lead, Mid and South Essex Integrated Care System
Natalie Rogers, Trustee, Long COVID Support
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.20 **Priorities for rehabilitation and improving outcomes for patients living with long COVID**
developing personalised care self-management plans and peer support | the role of innovation and digital self-management apps | rehabilitation services and access to psychological therapies | impact on employment | utilising lived experience in service development
Russell Watkins, Commercial Director, Health Innovation North East and North Cumbria
Carina Knight, Clinical Specialist Occupational Therapist, Royal Free London NHS Foundation Trust
Dr Davina Deniszczyc, Charity and Medical Director, Responsible Officer, Nuffield Health
Senior representative, mental health
Senior representative, digital health
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.10 **Chair's closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.15 Break
- 11.25 **Chair's opening remarks**
Wendy Chamberlain MP, Liberal Democrat Spokesperson for Work and Pensions
- 11.30 **Examining latest data and research on the experience of long COVID within the community and implications for future research and policy**
Professor Paul Elliott, Chair, Epidemiology and Public Health Medicine, Imperial College London
- 11.40 **Advancing long COVID treatment research and development, and building the evidence-base to improve patient access to treatments**
characteristics, symptoms and associated risk factors | next steps for clinical trials, participant recruitment and listening to patient experience | the role of AI learning, data, information and knowledge sharing | options for accelerating treatment development
Sammie McFarland, Founder, Long COVID Kids
Dr Emma Wall, Consultant Acute Medicine and Infectious Diseases, University College London Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust; and Senior Clinical Research Fellow, Francis Crick Institute
Dr Betty Raman, Principal Investigator, Radcliffe Department of Medicine, University of Oxford
Senior representative, data
- 12.00 Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.30 **Next steps for long COVID research and investment going forward**
Senior representative, research
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Health Forum closing remarks**
Wendy Chamberlain MP, Liberal Democrat Spokesperson for Work and Pensions
Jessica Lear, Westminster Health Forum