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Dear Ms Brown MSP

Inquiry into Long COVID

Thank you for your letter of 17th January enquiring about Long Covid services within NHS Ayrshire & Arran (NHSAA).

Within NHSAA, we currently provide a pilot service for NHS staff members via Occupational Health and the learning from this has informed what will be the delivery of a non-medical MDT specialist Long Covid Service to the general public (Adults) via Healthy and Active Rehabilitation Programme (HARP) long-term condition management services. We are at the stage of finalising recruitment and training and it is expected that this service will commence in March 2023. This is being delivered through Scottish Government funding, provided via the National Services Scotland Long Covid Steering group which is co-ordinating delivery of services across Scotland. The service will utilise medical services as appropriate from existing Primary Care and Secondary Care pathways e.g. Cardiology or Respiratory. We would of course be happy to provide further detail in terms of good practice and barriers to delivery in due course if this would be helpful.

I hope the above information is helpful to you, but please do not hesitate to contact us should you require anything further.

With regards

Crawford McGuffie
Medical Director/ Deputy Chief Executive