



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Health, Social Care and Sport Committee

Jenni Minto MSP
Minister for Public Health and Women's Health

11 September 2025

Dear Minister

Long Covid Policy

The Health, Social Care and Sport Committee has recently received correspondence from [Long Covid Kids and Friends](#) and [Long Covid Scotland](#) highlighting their decision to formally resign from the Scottish Government's Strategic Network for the Long-Term Effects of COVID-19. Both organisations cite an alleged failure to heed "repeated and constructive warnings to NHS National Services Scotland (NSS) regarding the Network's failure, broken trust, and collapse of policy delivery" as the reason for their decision to resign.

I am writing to ask you to respond directly to the issues raised in this correspondence.

Specifically, the correspondence from Long Covid Scotland seeks written evidence from the Scottish Government that addresses the following:

- "Governance arrangements, decision-making processes, and strategic oversight of the Long Covid Strategic Network";
- "All milestones, spending plans, and delivery timelines linked to the £4.5m Long Covid Support Fund, including explanations for the current delay and safeguards for allocated funds"; and
- "Measures ensuring compliance with the NHS Recovery Plan, COVID-19 Recovery Committee recommendations, and statutory duties for children and equality under the Equality Act 2010 and UNCRC Article 24."

In addition, I would like to take this opportunity to request that you provide the Committee with a more general update on what each NHS Board has been doing since the pandemic first emerged in early 2020 to address the needs of those experiencing Long Covid in Scotland. In addition, the Committee would also be grateful for an update on the current status of research into Long Covid and its treatment.

Contact: Health, Social Care and Sport Committee, The Scottish Parliament, Edinburgh, EH99 1SP.
Email HSCS.Committee@parliament.scot. We welcome calls through Relay UK and in BSL through Contact Scotland BSL.

I would be grateful to receive a response at your earliest convenience and no later than Friday, 10 October.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'CHaughey', enclosed within a thin black rectangular border.

Clare Haughey MSP
Convener, Health, Social Care and Sport Committee