

## Long COVID Bulletin

New evidence and outputs from key organisations relating to Long COVID

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### **Recent publications and journal articles**

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#### New/updated guidelines, policies and reports including findings of CSOfunded research relevant to long COVID

Changes to long COVID service provision:

- NHS Cheshire and Mersyside (February 2025)
- NHS North East London (February 2025)

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