

Agenda Item 5(b)

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1. Long Covid

Councillor Reilly (25 February 2021)

1. That this Council notes that:
 - (a) a growing number of people who have had COVID-19 go on to experience Long COVID, or Post-COVID Syndrome, where they continue to feel effects of the virus weeks or even months after initially falling ill. Symptoms can include “breathlessness, chronic fatigue, “brain fog”, anxiety and stress”, according to NHS England;¹
 - (b) the Office for National Statistics found an estimated 1 in 5 people testing positive for COVID experienced symptoms for five weeks or longer, and 1 in 10 experienced symptoms for 12 weeks or longer;²
 - (c) research into Long COVID should include both those who were and were not hospitalised to understand the true scale of the issue; and
 - (d) 72 MPs signed an Early Day Motion calling on the government to collect and regularly report on the number of people living with Long COVID; and to consider measures to support those living with Long COVID.³
2. That this Council welcomes the news from December 2020 that Milton Keynes will be home to one of 69 specialist Long COVID clinics across the country.⁴
3. That this Council resolves to
 - (a) Support employees with Long COVID and explore in detail what options there are for more specific assistance
 - (b) Request the Health and Wellbeing Board to consider collecting and reporting on data on Long COVID
 - (c) Request the Leader and Chief Executive to write to the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care to ask the government to:
 - (i) collect and regularly report on the number of people living with Long COVID, and to publish the data by principal authority
 - (ii) consider measures to support those living with Long COVID, including the possibility of protection for workers by offering incentives to employers to retain recovering staff.

¹ <https://www.england.nhs.uk/coronavirus/post-covid-syndrome-long-covid/>

² <https://www.ons.gov.uk/news/statementsandletters/theprevalenceoflongcovidsymptomsandcovid19complications>

³ <https://edm.parliament.uk/early-day-motion/57409/researching-and-supporting-people-with-long-covid19-symptoms>

⁴ <https://www.england.nhs.uk/2020/12/long-covid-patients-to-get-help-at-more-than-60-clinics/>