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[Written Answers]

Chronic Fatigue Syndrome: Coronavirus

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Jim Shannon

To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment his Department has made of the likelihood of a connection between myalgic encephomyelitis and long covid.

Maria Caulfield

No assessment has been made. Whilst myalgic encephalomyelitis/chronic fatigue syndrome (ME/CFS) and long COVID are similar in presentation, they are distinct conditions.

The National Institute for Health and Care Excellence currently recommends separate pathways for the assessment, treatment, and management of ME/CFS and the long-term effects of COVID-19.

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