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Chronic Fatigue Syndrome

Ben Bradshaw

To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many people in the UK have been diagnosed with severe Myalgic Encephalomyelitis, as defined in the NICE guidelines.

Helen Whately

The information requested is not held centrally.

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Chronic Fatigue Syndrome: Research

Tulip Siddiq

To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how much his Department plans to spend on biomedical research into the (a) causes, (b) consequences and (c) treatment of Myalgic encephalomyelitis in 2022-23.

Will Quince

The Department funds research through the National Institute for Health and Care Research (NIHR). The NIHR has provided approximately 4.4 million pounds for research on myalgic encephalomyelitis/chronic fatigue syndrome (ME/CFS) since 2011. In addition, the NIHR and the Medical Research Council have jointly funded a 3.2 million pounds study into genetics and ME/CFS. The study will analyse samples from 25,000 people with ME/CFS to search for genetic differences which may indicate underlying causes or an increased risk of developing the condition.

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[Written Answers]

Chronic Fatigue Syndrome

Jim Shannon

To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps she is taking to raise awareness of myalgic encephalomyelitis amongst GPs and other doctors.

Helen Whately

General Practitioners and other doctors are responsible for ensuring their clinical knowledge remains up-to-date as part of their continuing professional development.

The National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) published an updated guideline on Myalgic Encephalomyelitis/ Chronic Fatigue Syndrome (ME/CFS) in October 2021, to improve awareness and understanding about ME/CFS. This guideline includes recommendations on diagnosis and management. NICE promotes its guidance via its website, newsletters and other media.

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