

Tessa Munt MP writes to new Minister for Health Innovation about ME/CFS.

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[Written Answers]

ME/CFS

Tessa Munt

To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, further to the publication of the Government's Final Delivery Plan on Myalgic Encephalomyelitis (ME)/Chronic Fatigue Syndrome on 22 July 2025, when will the one-year update be published.

Mr James Frith

This is a holding answer. It may be superseded/updated at a future date.

The Department of Health and Social Care has indicated that it will not be possible to answer this question within the usual time period. An answer is being prepared and will be provided as soon as it is available.

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[Written Answers]

ME/CFS

Tessa Munt

To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many patients in England have been recorded using the SNOMED CT codes as having Chronic Fatigue Syndrome/Myalgic Encephalomyelitis for the four categories of severity that the SNOMED CT codes recognise (a) mild (SCTID: 377181000000104), (b) moderate (SCTID: 377171000000101), (c) severe (SCTID: 377161000000108) and (d) very severe (SCTID: 2897971000000106).

Mr James Frith

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[Written Answers]

Special Educational Needs: ME/CFS

James Naish

To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department is taking to ensure that local authorities take account of the needs of children and young people with Myalgic Encephalomyelitis/Chronic Fatigue Syndrome when assessing, reviewing and implementing Education, Health and Care Plans.

Georgia Gould

The department has consulted on reforms to the special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) system so that every child and young person receives the support they require. Our proposals include strengthening the education, health and care (EHC) needs assessment process so that it is clearer, simpler and reflects the voice of parents/carers and the child or young person. We will consider feedback from the consultation exercise carefully before making any final decisions on this policy.

A child or young person with SEND may be eligible for an EHC plan. Where a plan is issued to someone with myalgic encephalomyelitis/chronic fatigue syndrome, it will contain provision to meet their special educational needs and any relevant health needs.

When a local authority conducts a needs assessment or reviews an existing plan, it must seek information and advice from relevant health professionals. This helps to ensure that all EHC plans will contain support tailored to the individual's particular health needs.

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[Written Answers]

ME/CFS: Health Services

ME/CFS: Diagnosis

James Naish

To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps her Department is taking to increase investment in specialist services for people with myalgic encephalomyelitis/chronic fatigue syndrome.

To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps she is taking to ensure that NICE's recognition of post-exertional malaise as a core diagnostic feature of ME/CFS is reflected consistently in (a) clinical training and (b) NHS service provision.

Mr James Frith

I refer the Hon Member to the answer provided to the Hon Member for Skipton and Ripon on 16 July 2026 to Question 16893, <https://questions-statements.parliament.uk/written-questions/detail/2026-07-08/16893>

Additionally, the Department, together with NHS England, have developed a template service specification for mild, moderate, and severe myalgic encephalomyelitis, also known as chronic fatigue syndrome (ME/CFS). The template, once published, will be circulated to integrated care boards to support the commissioning of services for ME/CFS. This includes recognition of post-exertional malaise.

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[Written Answers]

ME/CFS: Medical Records

Tessa Munt

To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, further to her answer to written parliamentary question 19983, which department or body holds the patient data recorded using the four categories of severity for myalgic encephalomyelitis/ chronic fatigue syndrome that the SNOMED CT codes recognise, namely (a) mild (SCTID: 377181000000104), (b) moderate (SCTID: 377171000000101), (c) severe (SCTID: 377161000000108)

and (d) very severe (SCTID: 2897971000000106).

Mr James Frith

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[Written Answers]

ME/CFS: Health Services

Tulip Siddiq

To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what guidance her Department has issued to Integrated Care Boards on commissioning services for patients with very severe myalgic encephalomyelitis/chronic fatigue syndrome (ME/CFS).

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Mr James Frith

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<https://questions-statements.parliament.uk/written-questions/detail/2026-07-08/16893>

Further to this response, the Department, together with NHS England, has developed a template service specification for mild, moderate, and severe myalgic encephalomyelitis, also known as chronic fatigue syndrome (ME/CFS). The template, once published, will be circulated to integrated care boards to support the commissioning of services for severe ME/CFS.

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[Written Answers]

ME/CFS: Medical Records

Tessa Munt

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moderate (SCTID: 377171000000101), (c) severe (SCTID: 377161000000108) and (d) very severe (SCTID: 2897971000000106).

Mr James Frith

[This answer is the replacement for a previous holding answer.]

SNOMED CT codes are used by general practices (GPs) to record patient diagnoses on their medical records. This is a different system to the International Classification of Diseases 10th Revision codes that are used in hospital admissions data.

The NHS England Terminology and Classifications service manages the SNOMED CT codes that GPs use, but this service would not hold any statistics on the use of these codes. Further information on the service is available at the following link:

<https://digital.nhs.uk/services/terminology-and-classifications/snomed-ct>(opens in a new tab)

To be recorded centrally at NHS England, patient data would first need be extracted from GP clinical systems as part of a data collection. We are not aware of any NHS England data extractions that target these specific SNOMED codes.

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[Written Answers]

ME/CFS: Health Services

Dame Caroline Dinanage

To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps she is taking to ensure people with severe ME in need of tube feeding can be safely fed lying flat in NHS hospitals.

Mr James Frith

The National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) has published guidance on nutrition support for adults and on the diagnosis and management of myalgic encephalomyelitis, also known as chronic fatigue syndrome (ME/CFS). The guidance recognises that people with severe or very severe ME/CFS may be unable to eat and digest food easily and may require support with hydration and nutrition, including enteral tube feeding.

Enteral feeding must be provided safely. Feeding a patient lying flat can increase the risk of aspiration, and clinicians should take the NICE guidance fully into account. However, NICE guidance does not replace clinical judgement. Decisions about positioning and the most appropriate form of nutritional support should be made by the treating clinical team, following an individual assessment of the patient's needs, risks, and preferences and, where appropriate, with input from a multidisciplinary nutrition support team.

These services are commissioned locally by integrated care boards, which are responsible for ensuring that appropriate services are available to meet the needs of their populations.

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[Written Answers]

Fibromyalgia

Jim Shannon

To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what support is available for people living with fibromyalgia.

To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether there are specialist services for children diagnosed with Tourette syndrome.

Mr James Frith

Integrated care boards are responsible for commissioning services to meet the needs of their local populations, including services for people with fibromyalgia and children with Tourette syndrome.

Support for people with fibromyalgia may be provided through primary care, pain management, rheumatology, physiotherapy, and psychological therapies, according to individual clinical need. The National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) has published guidance on the assessment of chronic pain and the management of chronic primary pain, which healthcare professionals and commissioners are expected to take fully into account.

For children with Tourette syndrome, care may be provided by local paediatric, neurological, neurodevelopmental, or child and adolescent mental health services. Where the condition has a significant impact on daily life, NICE guidance recommends referral to an appropriate specialist service for assessment and treatment.

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