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[Written Answers]

ME/CFS: Research

James Naish

To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps the Government is taking to support research and funding for treatments for Myalgic Encephalomyelitis.

Preet Kaur Gill

The Government is committed to funding high-quality research to understand the causes, consequences, and treatment of myalgic encephalomyelitis, also known as chronic fatigue syndrome (ME/CFS).

The National Institute for Health and Care Research (NIHR) and the Medical Research Council (MRC), which is part of UK Research and Innovation, are working together to address the actions for research outlined in the ME/CFS Final Delivery Plan. Two projects have recently received funding to investigate the feasibility of a new clinical trial that tests multiple interventions for the treatment of post-acute infection syndromes, including Long Covid and ME/CFS. In addition, 4.75 million pounds of Government funding has been provided to SequenceME, which will create the first high-resolution genetic map of the condition, paving the way to future diagnostics and treatments. To support research capacity building, the MRC has provided 845,000 pounds to researchers at the University of Edinburgh towards PRIME, a new partnership award that aims to build infrastructure to enable ME/CFS biomedical research, and support is available to researchers to develop competitive funding applications from the NIHR's Research

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[Written Answers]

ME/CFS: Research

Tom Morrison

To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of whether current strategic prioritisation for ME research is proportionate to the disease burden.

Preet Kaur Gill

The Department has not made a specific assessment of whether the strategic prioritisation for research into myalgic encephalomyelitis, also known as chronic fatigue syndrome (ME/CFS), is proportionate to the disease burden. However, we recognise that this has been an under researched area and the Government is committed to funding high-quality research to understand the causes, consequences, and treatment of ME/CFS.

The Government funds research into ME/CFS through the National Institute for Health and Care Research (NIHR) and the Medical Research Council (MRC), which is part of UK Research and Innovation. The NIHR and the MRC

are working together to deliver the actions on research in the ME/CFS Final Delivery Plan. Two projects have recently received funding to investigate the feasibility of a new clinical trial that tests multiple interventions for the treatment of post-acute infection syndromes, including Long Covid and ME/CFS. In addition, 4.75 million pounds of Government funding has been provided to SequenceME, which will create the first high-resolution genetic map of the condition, paving the way to future diagnostics and treatments.

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[Written Answers]

ME/CFS: Health Services

Zarah Sultana

To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of trends in geographical variations in the availability of specialist Myalgic Encephalomyelitis/Chronic Fatigue Syndrome services; and whether his Department monitors disparities in access between Integrated Care Board areas.

Mrs Sharon Hodgson

The Department recognises that there is variation across integrated care boards (ICBs) in terms of the delivery of services for people with myalgic encephalomyelitis/chronic fatigue syndrome (ME/CFS), and that this affects the accessibility of specialist services. ICBs are expected

to commission services that meet the needs of their local populations. Where local services are not available, people with symptoms of ME/CFS should see their general practitioner, who will be able to refer them to alternative existing services depending on their clinical needs and symptoms.

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[Written Answers]

ME/CFS: Health Services

Zarah Sultana

To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he plans to provide specialist Myalgic Encephalomyelitis/Chronic Fatigue Syndrome (ME/CFS) services in Coventry and Warwickshire ICB in the 2026-2027 financial year.

Mrs Sharon Hodgson

Integrated care boards (ICBs) are responsible for commissioning services that meet the needs of their local populations. This includes provision of specialist services for myalgic encephalomyelitis/chronic fatigue syndrome. The Coventry and Warwickshire ICB, as with all ICBs, has a statutory obligation to ensure there is sufficient care provision for its population.

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[Written Answers]

ME/CFS: Health Services

Bill Esterson

To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to the action in the ME/CFS Final Delivery Plan to explore whether a specialised service should be prescribed for people with very severe ME/CFS, whether his Department has made an assessment of the potential impact on patient safety and access to appropriate care of delaying that work until April 2027; whether he will publish any such assessment; and what specific interim measures, funding and monitoring arrangements will be put in place to support patients and hold integrated care boards accountable before that date.

Mrs Sharon Hodgson

Integrated care boards (ICBs) are expected to commission services for people with myalgic encephalomyelitis/chronic fatigue syndrome (ME/CFS) across all levels of severity, including those with severe and very severe ME/CFS, in line with national standards, service specifications, and clinical access policies set by NHS England. Prioritisation and funding remain at the discretion of ICBs.

Officials in the Department and NHS England are currently actively considering whether a specialised service for very severe ME/CFS should

be commissioned by my Rt Hon. Friend, the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care. A final decision will not be made until after the abolition of NHS England is complete, in April 2027, when processes will be clearer. This is as a result of potential changes to the legislative process which may occur as a result of transformation in NHS England. Officials continue to progress this action as far as possible ahead of April 2027, so that work can continue at pace following the completion of transformation in NHS England. This could include convening the clinical committee ahead of time.

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[Written Answers]

Long Covid: Health Services

Jo Platt

To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if we will make an assessment of the potential merits of implementing centrally-funded specialist hubs to support patients with Long Covid across the UK.

Mrs Sharon Hodgson

Since April 2024, in line with the National Health Service operating framework and the establishment of integrated care systems, the commissioning of services to support patients with Long Covid has been the responsibility of integrated care boards. Where local Long Covid

services are not available, people with Long Covid symptoms should see their general practitioner, who will be able to refer them to alternative existing services depending on their clinical needs and symptoms.

To help improve care for those living with post-infection conditions, the template service specification for mild and moderate myalgic encephalomyelitis/chronic fatigue syndrome (ME/CFS), which is currently being developed in conjunction with NHS England, is set to include Long Covid. The template aims to improve pathways through care for patients with Long Covid, ME/CFS, and other related conditions.

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[Written Answers]

Children: Health Services

Jo Platt

To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what actions he is taking to ensure every ICB is required to provide specialist post-infection services for children in line with NICE guidance.

Mrs Sharon Hodgson

Services for post-infection conditions are not classified as specialised under NHS England specialised commissioning and are the responsibility

local of integrated care boards which are accountable for providing appropriate services in the local area.

Patients with Long Covid and other post-infection conditions should be managed in line with current National Institute for Health and Care Excellence clinical guidance, which, while not mandatory, clinicians and commissioners are expected to take fully into account.

To help improve care for those living with post-infection conditions, the template service specification for mild and moderate myalgic encephalomyelitis/chronic fatigue syndrome (ME/CFS), which is currently being developed in conjunction with NHS England, is set to include Long Covid. The template aims to improve pathways through care for patients with Long Covid, ME/CFS, and other related conditions.

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[Written Answers]

ME/CFS: Health Education

Tom Morrison

To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how people with lived experience of ME/CFS will be involved in the design and delivery of the awareness campaign.

Mrs Sharon Hodgson

Lived experience had an integral role during the development of the final myalgic encephalomyelitis/chronic fatigue syndrome (ME/CFS) delivery plan. The awareness plan will also require continued support from people with lived experience, and the ME/CFS community, for the distribution and promotion of any materials produced. The campaign will aim to focus on capturing attention and delivering key messages, which will then serve as a gateway to finding more information.

Departmental officials are currently considering how to involve people with lived experience of ME/CFS in the design and delivery of the ME/CFS awareness campaign, in addition to also exploring options for the format of the awareness campaign.

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[Written Answers]

ME/CFS: Health Services

Tom Morrison

To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what guidance his Department provides to (a) hospitals, (b) community services and (c) ICBs on the care and management of people with severe and very severe ME/CFS; and what steps his Department is taking to monitor compliance with this guidance.

Mrs Sharon Hodgson

The National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) has developed guidance on the diagnosis and management of myalgic encephalomyelitis/chronic fatigue syndrome (ME/CFS), which includes care for people with severe or very severe ME/CFS.

NICE guidelines are evidence-based, informed by clinical expertise, and represent best practice. Although NICE guidelines are not mandatory, healthcare professionals are expected to take them fully into account.

The Department is developing a template service specification for mild, moderate, and severe ME/CFS. The template is being developed in consultation with ME/CFS specialists, clinicians, NHS England, people with lived experience, and charity representatives. The template aims to support service providers and commissioners to provide services that meet the needs of their local population.

NHS England has developed an e-learning programme in line with NICE guidelines. The e-learning is comprised of four modules, including on severe ME/CFS, with the aim of supporting staff to be able to provide better care and improve patient outcomes.

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[Written Answers]

ME/CFS: Health Services

Sir Julian Smith

To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent steps his Department has taken to support those with very severe ME.

To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of creating a specialist NHS service to support those with very severe ME.

To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to develop specialist expertise in hospitals for treating very severe ME, further to the Prevention of Future Deaths Report published on 8 October 2024.

Mrs Sharon Hodgson

The Department, together with NHS England, has developed an e-learning programme to help support healthcare professionals in the treatment and care of patients with myalgic encephalomyelitis/chronic fatigue syndrome (ME/CFS). The programme consists of four modules, three of which have universal access, while the fourth is targeted at healthcare professionals. This programme includes two modules on 'Managing Severe ME/CFS', which also covers very severe ME/CFS, and the second version of this module for healthcare professionals addresses clinical approaches to severe and very severe ME/CFS. The e-learning is available at the following link:

<https://learninghub.nhs.uk/catalogue/mecfselearning?nodeId=7288>

This e-learning, while not mandatory, is expected to support healthcare professionals, including in hospitals, deliver the right care for patients with severe and very severe ME/CFS. Additionally, the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence has produced evidence-based guidelines for the diagnosis and treatment of ME/CFS, including in hospitals, which are expected to be taken fully into account.

Additionally, ME/CFS: the final delivery plan, published in July 2025, included an action to consider whether a specialised service should be commissioned by my Rt Hon. Friend, the Secretary of State for Health and

Social Care, for very severe ME/CFS.

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ME Association's statement on the appointment of Yvette Cooper as
Secretary of State for Health and Social Care.

Go to,

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