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Subject: RE: For review - Long COVID working group - Please check the narrative in this article

Agree Kamlesh a bit too strong as it implies a line management I don't have. It would be reasonable to say 'formed at the suggestion of'. But your wording better

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From: Name Redacted @dhsc.gov.uk>

Sent: 02 November 2021 15:32

To: Whitty, Chris < Chris. Whitty@dhsc.gov.uk>

Subject: For review - Long COVID working group - Please check the narrative in this article

Hi Chris,

Flagging a request from Kamlesh on the Long COVID working group.

The group is planning to publish the attached commentary in Nature and Kamlesh has asked whether you would be happy to have the below line included:

Researchers on these studies have formed the National Long COVID working group, <mark>reporting to the Chief Medical Officer for England</mark>, to share key findings and promote rapid knowledge exchange and efficient timely research.

From my understanding of the Group, 'reporting to' is possibly a bit strong and slightly overstates your involvement – suggest it could be changed to:

Researchers on these studies have formed the National Long COVID working group, to share key findings and promote rapid knowledge exchange and efficient timely research. Key outputs of the group are shared with the Chief Medical Officer for England.

I am happy to go back to Kamlesh with your preferred wording.

Many thanks

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From: Khunti, Kamlesh (Prof.) Irrelevant & Sensitive

Sent: 02 November 2021 14:59

To: Whitty, Chris < Chris.Whitty@dhsc.gov.uk; Khunti, Kamlesh (Prof.) | Irrelevant & Sensitive

Subject: Please check the narrative in this article

Dear Chris

As you aware, the National Long Covid Research Group (as we have called it), is well established and working really well. The initiative has been very useful for all the research groups including developing new collaborations.

As part of the group, we wanted to highlight the work being conducted and Nature have agreed to publish this as a commentary.

Can you please check the highlighted sentence (page 4) to ensure you are happy for us to include this.

With very best wishes Kamlesh

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