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Subject: RE: Recovery outcomes Comms

Hi [NR]

My comments below. Happy to discuss, but in general I think the view is that we simply do not know yet.

[NR]

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Subject: Recovery outcomes Comms

Hi [Name Redacted]

I am sorry to bother you, I've been asked by the Cabinet Office to look at communications around the recovery of patients following COVID19 infection. My understanding is that some patients still experience symptoms and issues weeks or even months which may hinder them going back to work or lead to additional complications. **It does seem that there could well be a number of longer term health impacts of COVID-19.**

I'd be grateful if you could provide some additional info on the following:

- Is this an ongoing problem? **Not clear what this means**
- If so, are there groups that suffer long term damage more than others? **Seems possible. Those with severe symptoms are the ones likely to suffer long term.**
- How does it manifest itself (fatigue, additional complications etc) **Initial reports seems to be that it manifests in quite diverse ways. But robust data not available yet. Need large long term follow up studies. As with initial questions around COVID-19 to do with transmission, mortality etc because it is novel the long term effects are unknown. NIHR has a funding call out to look at longer term health <https://www.nihr.ac.uk/covid-19/funding-longer-term-recovery-and-learning-research.htm>**

If this is an issue, it might lead us to develop campaigns advising employers about taking greater care of their employees during their extended recovery sounds sensible (**wouldn't this just be a decent way of behaving in general- COVID-19 or not**) or advising patients on how to best ensure a speedier recovery. (**Not clear that we know what ensures a speedy recovery**)

Apologies for the vague ask, but would really appreciate any information or if you could refer me to the person who might be best placed to help.

Best wishes,

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