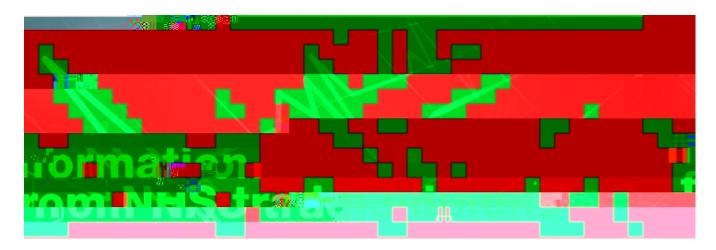
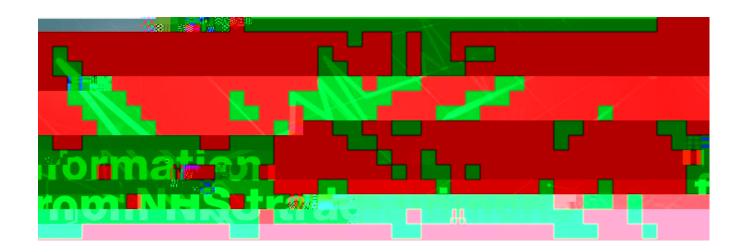


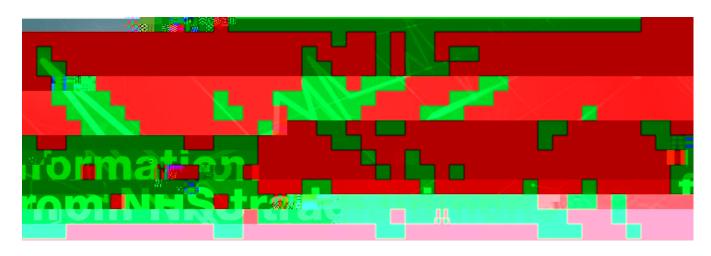
NHS Joint Trade Unions' Briefing – Updated August 2022 Long Covid Guidance for NHS Trade Union Reps Background

Most people who have contracted COVID-19 are expected to recover within 12 weeks. However, some people, including those who were not initially unwell or hospitalised with COVID-19, experience a variety of ongoing health complications and symptoms that may continue for many more weeks or months. Long Covid is also more likely to affect women, those of working age, disabled people and those working in health or social care¹.



Occupational health and wellbeing: Good occupational health advice and support is central to the management of individual cases and should be sought as early as is reasonably practical. Occupational health advice will guide conversations between the individual and the employing





Further Information

NHS Staff Council guidance following the withdrawal of DHSCs terms and conditions COVID-19 guidance: https://www.nhsemployers.org/covid-19-nhs-staff-council-joint-guidance

NHS Staff Council guidance management of long term COVID-19 Sickness Absence: https://www.nhsemployers.org/sites/default/files/2022-07/Management-of-long-term-sickness-absence-july-2022.pdf

<u>Sickness and absence because of long COVID: Long COVID</u> <u>advice for employers and employees - Acas</u>

Scotland Coronavirus (COVID-19) | Scottish Terms and Conditions Committee

Wales: Staff Area: Coronavirus updates - NHS Wales Shared Services Partnership

NHS Wales COVID-19 Sickness Absence Arrangements: https://www.nhsconfed.org/sites/default/files/2022-06/NHS%20Wales%20COVID-19%20Sickness%20Absence%20Arrangements%20-July%202022%20Final.pdf

Northern Ireland: <u>Covid-19 Guidance for HSC Staff - Terms and Conditions | Department of Health (health-ni.gov.uk)</u>

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