

Responses to queries raised at the JHOSC briefing on 25 June 2021

Long Covid

We have one specialist clinic in NCL – this is at UCLH. This is for the most complex patients in NCL who require advanced diagnostics or other support.

We also have established five borough based multi-disciplinary teams who are a key part of the pathway, and can support residents closer to home. The teams provide a joint response from our IAPT (NHS psychological therapies) and Community Health teams.

General Practice Data for Planning and Research (GDPR)

This is a national programme of work led by NHS Digital and there has been a further delay to the extraction of data for GDPR. This will no longer happen in September.

The Secretary of State confirmed that, while they are continuing to work on the infrastructure, and communication for the project, **and are not setting a specific start date for the collection of data**. Instead, they commit to start uploading data only when the following is in place:

- the ability to delete data if patients choose to opt-out of sharing their GP data with NHS Digital, even if this is after their data has been uploaded.
- the backlog of opt-outs has been fully cleared.
- a Trusted Research Environment has been developed and implemented in NHS Digital.
- patients have been made more aware of the scheme through a campaign of engagement and communication.
- More information is here: <https://digital.nhs.uk/data-and-information/data-collections-and-data-sets/data-collections/general-practice-data-for-planning-and-research/secretary-of-state-letter-to-general-practice>

Covid-19 Pandemic Update

Attached to this response is a paper for JHOSC on the evaluation of the temporary changes to paediatrics.

In relation to oxygen resilience: In NCL, we had been completing weekly resilience reporting to the London Oxygen Resilience meeting, but this has been stood down from the beginning of September. To date, the NCL's weekly reporting has not raised any significant issues.

Going forward, we will maintain a monthly review of oxygen resilience at the NCL Critical Care Network. We do manage supply across sites, tracking levels and ensuring access to additional supply, with mutual aid as a back-up. We aren't anticipating any issues with oxygen supply.