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**Sent:** 07 August 2025 08:59  
**To:** [REDACTED]; Alison Gilhooly; NSS longCOVID  
**Subject:** RE: Long Covid Scotland & Long Covid Kids Formal Resignation from the Long Covid Strategic Network

I agree we need to respond but can you hold off until I discuss with SG and Susi please? I know that Christine has offered to meet both organisations and the aim from an SG perspective is to attempt to bring them back into the network so I don't want to make any incorrect statements at this point. I'll confirm later today.

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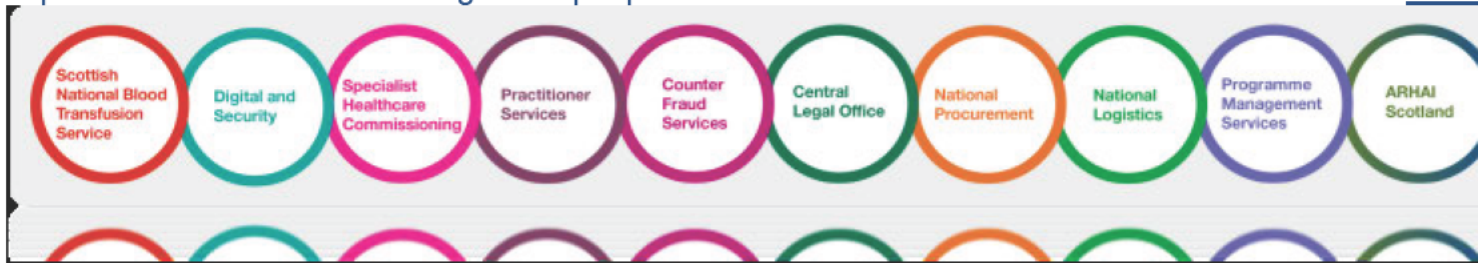
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**Subject:** Re: Long Covid Scotland & Long Covid Kids Formal Resignation from the Long Covid Strategic Network

Morning Alison

Thank you for that. My view would be to mention that the network will ensure that you do not receive any direct communication/request from the network.

We will follow our internal procedure to remove anyone who does not want to be part of the network and restrict their access from MS Team channel to mitigate any future risks. The contents look good for me.

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From: Alison Gilhooly ██████████@nhs.scot>

Sent: Wednesday, August 6, 2025 5:56 PM

To: NSS longCOVID ██████████@nhs.scot>; Janis Heaney ██████████@nhs.scot>

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Subject: RE: Long Covid Scotland & Long Covid Kids Formal Resignation from the Long Covid Strategic Network

Hi both,

I discussed with Isaac this afternoon, and thought it may be helpful to send a response to Helen's resignation email, even though we're not going to send a public response to the press release. I've drafted the below, if you can let me know your thoughts. I've kept it brief. I don't know if we should note that we will remove them from distribution lists, etc, and perhaps apologise if they receive any further emails in the interim?

Thanks

Dear ██████████

Thank you for your email and attached letter. We are sorry to hear that ██████████ and ██████████ feel this way. Throughout the life of the network we have sought to keep communication channels open with you and the organisations you represent, and to ensure that you are represented and engaged right across the network governance structure.

We wish you all the very best as you continue seek to improve services for people with Long Covid,

Best wishes,

NSS Long COVID team

**Alison Gilhooly**

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**From:** NSS longCOVID [REDACTED]@nhs.scot>

**Sent:** 04 August 2025 14:39

**To:** Janis Heaney [REDACTED]@nhs.scot>; Alison Gilhooly [REDACTED]@nhs.scot>

**Subject:** Fw: Long Covid Scotland & Long Covid Kids Formal Resignation from the Long Covid Strategic Network

Hi Janis and Alison

Please see attached a joint resignation from Long COVID Kids and Long COVID Scotland from the network.

Regards

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**From:** [REDACTED]@longcovidkids.org>

**Sent:** 04 August 2025 14:26

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**Subject:** Long Covid Scotland & Long Covid Kids Formal Resignation from the Long Covid Strategic Network

Dear All,

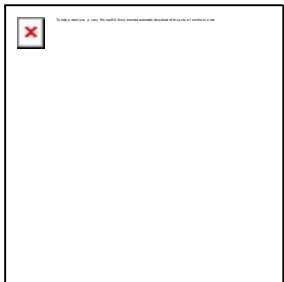
**Please accept this email as formal confirmation that Long Covid Scotland and Long Covid Kids are resigning from the NSS Long Covid Strategic Network, with immediate effect.**

Our full joint resignation letter is attached for your records and has also now been shared with press under embargo for 00:01 Tuesday 5th August.

We regret that the ongoing failures in delivery, transparency, and engagement have made our continued participation untenable. Our priority remains advocating for children, young people, and adults living with Long Covid, and we will now focus our energy on initiatives that are aligned with genuine co-production and meaningful progress.

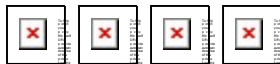
Kind regards,

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Please note as a person living with Long Covid, I may not always be able to respond promptly as I work flexibly around my condition.

Please contact [info@longcovidkids.org](mailto:info@longcovidkids.org) for general enquiries.

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