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Subject: RE: Long Covid Scotland & Long Covid Kids Formal Resignation from the Long Covid Strategic Network  
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Attachments: [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

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

From a governance perspective we will refresh access to our Microsoft Teams channels and distribution lists. We will continue to work closely with ALLIANCE colleagues and the Long Covid Lived Experience Network across our network activity.

We wish you all the very best as you continue to work to improve services for people with Long Covid. If at any point you wish to re-engage with the network, please do reach out.

Best wishes,

NSS Long COVID team

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From: [REDACTED]@longcovidkids.org>  
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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,

[REDACTED], Long Covid Scotland  
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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.

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