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**Sent:** 13 August 2025 17:21

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**Subject:** Re: Request - Diary availability for meeting with SG long COVID policy team

## Absolutely,

Actually, I met the CMO at a pandemic preparedness meeting in Glasgow, long before the charities resigned and he asked me to get in touch once I started. These two things just coincidentally happened at the same time! I know them all fairly well from my research work and have also discussed the matter with the previous clinical lead Camilla Milne.

Delighted to meet up as you see fit - holds my diary and should be able to schedule something

I am on Parental leave next week - as my daughter is starting school, I guess its urgent - might we be able to do tuesday or wednesday?

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## Hi Janet,

Thanks for your email below to the CMO offering a meeting to discuss your proposals for moving forward with Long COVID, related to some of the issues raised by Long Covid Scotland and Long Covid Kids at the point of their resignation from the Network last week. We've been sighted on your helpful email for awareness as the relevant policy team and I would expect the CMO's office to respond directly to you in due course.

In the meantime, please could I ask you to let me know your availability to schedule a half an hour call to run through your reflections? Our Director (Christine McLaughlin – Chief Operating Officer NHS Scotland) has offered a meeting to the two charities to discuss the issues they have raised. It would be very helpful if my colleagues and I could catch up with you in advance of that to enable us to brief her appropriately with any relevant background or information.

Please could you let me know of some available windows in your diary to schedule a meeting, perhaps on Friday or early next week if suitable? I can then cross reference against diary availability our side and send through a calendar invitation for MS Teams.

Best wishes

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Subject: Glasgow conference follow-up - Long COVID Strategic Network

Dear Prof. Sir Gregor,

We met at the Pandemic Preparedness Conference in Glasgow in the Spring and you invited me to get in touch once my role had started. My role finally started last Tuesday and as you may have seen, sadly the patient groups have finally lost patience with the uncertain funding situation around the Long COVID Strategic Network.

While I understand their frustrations, I believe many of the issues they've raised are resolvable with some focused intervention around communication - and of course importantly some pending decisions from SG about funding.

Given the current media attention this is receiving, I thought this might be a timely moment to connect. I'm covering the ID ward for the next fortnight, so the timing could have been better, but if useful we could meet briefly to discuss my vision for a way forward.

Yours sincerely,

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