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**From:** Martin Chadwick <Martin.Chadwick@health.govt.nz>  
**Sent:** Friday, 7 October 2022 2:23 pm  
**To:** Julia Ebbett; Doug Funnell001-Ext; Fiona Stephens; Mary Silcock  
**Cc:** Daniel Hirst  
**Subject:** RE: COVID- NASC Funding query

Kia ora Julia,  
For clarity in answering your question, funding for Long COVID as a long term condition is already in place as there is for any long term condition. Specific funding for COVID funding generally beyond this calendar year is being worked through with Te Whatu Ora and I am not privy to where these conversations are at. Dan Hirst may be helpful (linked in to this email). There has been no movement around classification as a disability (and hence access to NASC funding) due to the emergent nature of Long COVID. There have been cases worked through on an individual basis through the Care Coordination Hubs as a part of COVID Care in the Community in accessing specific services. Happy to speak to this further.

Ngā mihi  
Martin

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**Subject:** RE: COVID- NASC Funding query

Kia ora Martin,

We are being asked about arrangement for Long Covid beyond 6 weeks. Are you able to provide any update about funding beyond 6 weeks and NASC referral for Long COVID?

Ngā mihi nui

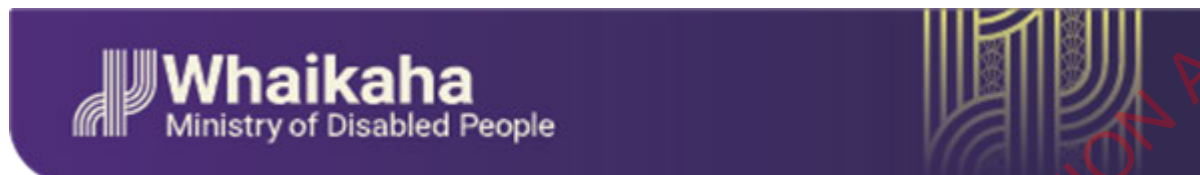
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**Sent:** Tuesday, 30 August 2022 12:56 pm

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**Subject:** RE: COVID- NASC Funding query

Kia ora Team,

Apologies as I had intended to get us together to discuss and still happy to do so. Short answer is that there is no dedicated funding for Long COVID outside of the initial 6 week window. It needs to be considered as a long term condition at this point, but as a new condition, there is not enough to understand what the long term impacts will be. Do let me know if you need further clarification.

Ngā mihi

Martin

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**Subject:** RE: COVID- NASC Funding query

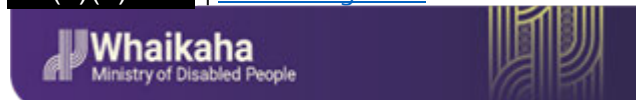
No not as yet. I do not believe I've had a response.

**Doug Funnell**

Interim Group Manager  
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**Cc:** Doug Funnell <[Doug.Funnell001@whaikaha.govt.nz](mailto:Doug.Funnell001@whaikaha.govt.nz)>  
**Subject:** RE: COVID- NASC Funding query

Kia ora koutou,

Just following up on some elderly emails. Doug, were you able to get an answer to your long covid funding query? Im interested in what the response is as well in the event we have further queries on this.

Thanks all,

Ngā mihi nui

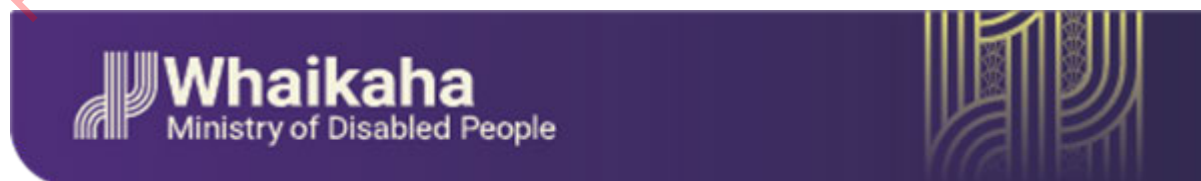
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**To:** Julia Ebbett <[Julia.Ebbett001@whaikaha.govt.nz](mailto:Julia.Ebbett001@whaikaha.govt.nz)>; Martin Chadwick <[Martin.Chadwick@health.govt.nz](mailto:Martin.Chadwick@health.govt.nz)>  
**Cc:** Doug Funnell <[Doug.Funnell001@whaikaha.govt.nz](mailto:Doug.Funnell001@whaikaha.govt.nz)>  
**Subject:** RE: COVID- NASC Funding query

Kia ora Julia & Doug,  
Linking you with Matin who is the SRO for the long COVID programme

Ngā mihi

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**Sent:** Tuesday, 16 August 2022 10:55 am  
**To:** Fiona Stephens <[Fiona.Stephens@health.govt.nz](mailto:Fiona.Stephens@health.govt.nz)>  
**Cc:** Doug Funnell001-Ext <[Doug.Funnell001@whaikaha.govt.nz](mailto:Doug.Funnell001@whaikaha.govt.nz)>  
**Subject:** RE: COVID

Kia ora Fiona,

Are you able to provide an update? Doug Funnell is interested because of queries coming through NASCs. Happy to set up a meeting if this would be helpful.

Ngā mihi nui

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**To:** Julia Ebbett <[Julia.Ebbett001@whaikaha.govt.nz](mailto:Julia.Ebbett001@whaikaha.govt.nz)>  
**Subject:** RE: COVID

Mōrena Julia, I am just returning today from being away sick.

There has been a lot of traffic regarding the funding for long COVID in the last week. I'll have a chat with Martin who is the owner of this work at our meeting today at 10.30 and come back to you

Kind thanks for your patience

Ngā mihi

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**To:** Fiona Stephens <[Fiona.Stephens@health.govt.nz](mailto:Fiona.Stephens@health.govt.nz)>  
**Subject:** FW: COVID

Kia ora Fiona,

Are you able to clarify the funding arrangement for COVID. National Referral Centre are noticing that COVID is being put through NASC referrals. Small numbers but something we may need to clarify please.

I have included the email trail below.

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Thanks for getting back Fiona. If we need to set up a meeting I am happy to support there, otherwise if there is any documentation confirming the arrangements please can you on forward to me.

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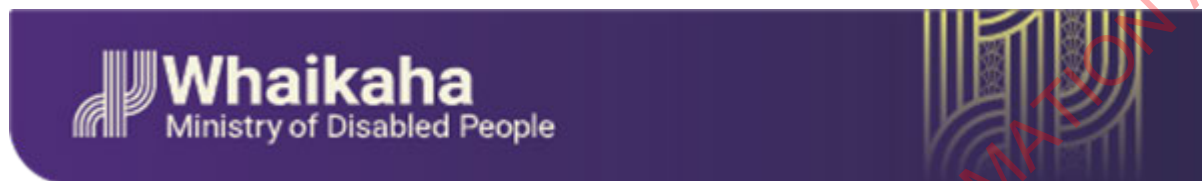
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**Sent:** Monday, 8 August 2022 4:02 pm  
**To:** Julia Ebbett <[Julia.Ebbett001@whaikaha.govt.nz](mailto:Julia.Ebbett001@whaikaha.govt.nz)>  
**Cc:** Christy Richards <[Christy.Richards017@whaikaha.govt.nz](mailto:Christy.Richards017@whaikaha.govt.nz)>  
**Subject:** FW: COVID

Hi Julia – FYI and any thoughts.

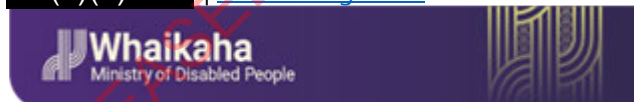
For a person to be DSS eligible they would need to have an Intellectual, Physical or Sensory Disability so it's not likely a person may be deemed DSS eligible however not that this is being raised as a factor.

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Interim General Manager  
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**To:** Doug Funnell <[Doug.Funnell001@whaikaha.govt.nz](mailto:Doug.Funnell001@whaikaha.govt.nz)>  
**Subject:** RE: COVID

I am not sure there is a decision about that, but definitely being managed with Manatū Hauora. Julia working closely with the Long COVID programme so she can bring up there.

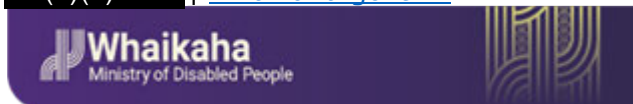
Ngā mihi

Christy

**Christy Richards** | Manager, Office of the Deputy Chief Executive  
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**To:** Christy Richards <[Christy.Richards017@whaikaha.govt.nz](mailto:Christy.Richards017@whaikaha.govt.nz)>  
**Subject:** FW: COVID

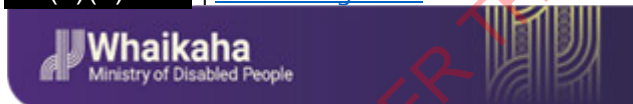
Didn't we get a decision that ongoing support related to Covid was going to be covered by the DHBs LTS-CHC or am I dreaming?

**Doug Funnell**

Interim General Manager  
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**To:** Doug Funnell <[Doug.Funnell001@whaikaha.govt.nz](mailto:Doug.Funnell001@whaikaha.govt.nz)>  
**Subject:** FW: COVID

FYI

I have asked Marshall to canvas other NASCS at the next stand up to see if this is national concern

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 Cc: s 9(2)(a) s 9(2)(a) s 9(2)(a)  
 Subject: COVID

Good morning Jane,

As part of the NRC process, we thought it would be prudent to alert Whaikaha of a trend in referrals that is mentioning COVID as a possible reason for the diagnosis outcome. To date we have suggested other pathways for the supports to be met but would like you to know of the emergence of this trend. Very small numbers currently but interesting that COVID is starting to be mentioned on referrals to NASCs.

regards

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**To:** Fiona Stephens  
**Cc:** Rawa Karetai Wood-Bodley; Martin Chadwick  
**Subject:** RE: Long covid

Kia ora Fiona,

Thank you. This is as I understood.

Can you keep me in the loop and include with any meeting invitations. I am mindful of the increase in covid cases for our disabled people over the previous weeks and am wanting to keep close to any advances with this. As you know, our disabled community has been anxious with the reduction in mandates.

On another note, ISK and Whaikaha are just finalising mortality and hospitalisation disaggregated data for DSS funded and anticipate this being included with Trends and Insights report.

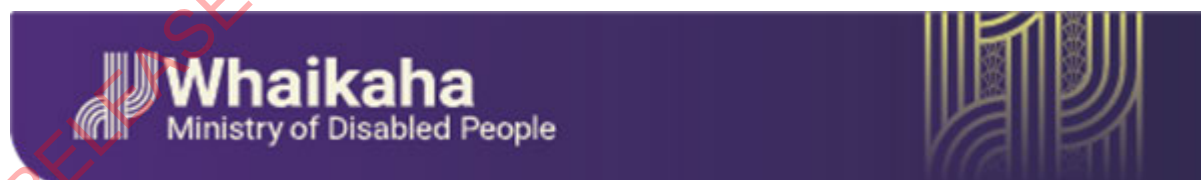
Are you aware of any data available for Long Covid and/or therapeutics yet?

If so, I am keen that we undertake a similar exercise with the ISK team so that we can monitor for equity.

Thanks for getting back,

Ngā mihi nui

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**Cc:** Rawa Karetai Wood-Bodley <Rawa.KaretaiWood-Bodley006@whaikaha.govt.nz>; Martin Chadwick <Martin.Chadwick@health.govt.nz>

**Subject:** RE: Long covid

Kia ora Julia, good to see you again yesterday as well.

You are correct there is no further updates at this time. Martin and I have connected with the policy team here at Manatū Hauora in the last week, they are aware of the need for services for the condition.

Arohamai, I don't have more positive news to share at this time,

Manaakitanga,

**Fiona Stephens (she/her)**

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**To:** Fiona Stephens <[Fiona.Stephens@health.govt.nz](mailto:Fiona.Stephens@health.govt.nz)>

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**Subject:** Long covid

**Importance:** High

Kia ora Fiona,

It was good to see you yesterday. Appreciate the information on the Long Covid Easy to Read information. Hoping the feedback was useful?

On another note, are there any updates on the funded pathway for Long COVID and where people are debilitated by it? At the moment we understand this to be managed through Long Term Health Conditions funding? Can you confirm that this is still the case or whether there is any alternative funded pathway?

Assuming for primary care, Long COVID will qualify for Care Plus funding to support visits/prescriptions with GP?

I havent seen any new information to suggest otherwise.

Ngā mihi nui

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