



London Borough of Hammersmith & Fulham

Health & Adult Social Care Policy & Accountability Committee

Post Covid Syndrome Services Update

19th July 2023

Overview of the Post Covid Service Offer in North West London (Acute and Community Services)





Post Covid Single Point of Access (The NWL Post Covid SPA - An integrated referral pathway)

GPs to complete referral form and refer to NWL PC SPA via eRS

NWL PC SPA will conduct a paper based triage

Triage: completed by 2 therapists on rota and supported by a GP lead

If accepted referral will go either to PCAC or borough community PC MDTs Referral returned to primary care if it is not appropriate for service (see exclusion criteria on referral form)

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Acute Services: Post Covid Assessment Clinic

(PCAC)

Acute Physician

- Diagnostic uncertainty
- Reassurance
- Up to date research

North West London PCACs				
ICHT	St Mary's Hospital and Charing Cross Hospital			
LNWUHT	Central Middlesex Hospital			
CWFT	Chelsea and Westminster Hospital and West Middlesex Hospital			

Occupational Therapy

- Fatigue
- Brain fog

2 hours face to face 30 mins each

Clinical Psychology

- PTSD
- Anxiety

Physiotherapy

- Respiratory
 - Fatigue
- Deconditioning
- Other relevant rehab needs related to PC





Community Services: Post Covid Community MDT

6 Post Covid Community MDTs in North West London: Brent, Ealing, Harrow, Hillingdon, Hounslow, Tri-Borough (Kensington & Chelsea, Hammersmith & Fulham, Westminster) North West London SPA Triage support – GP referrals triaged on a rota basis by 2 Allied Health **Professionals** MDT made up of Occupational Therapist/Clinical Psychologist/Physiotherapist/Rehabilitation **Assistant and GP support** Initial Assessments suited to patient choice e.g. virtual and/or face to face Management is guided by the patient and their goals (1:1, groups, App based and/or self management) **Living With Covid Recovery App offered to all patients** 1:1 support (symptom specific, personalised to patient) and Group provision e.g. brain fog





Post Covid Community MDTs – North West London Offer

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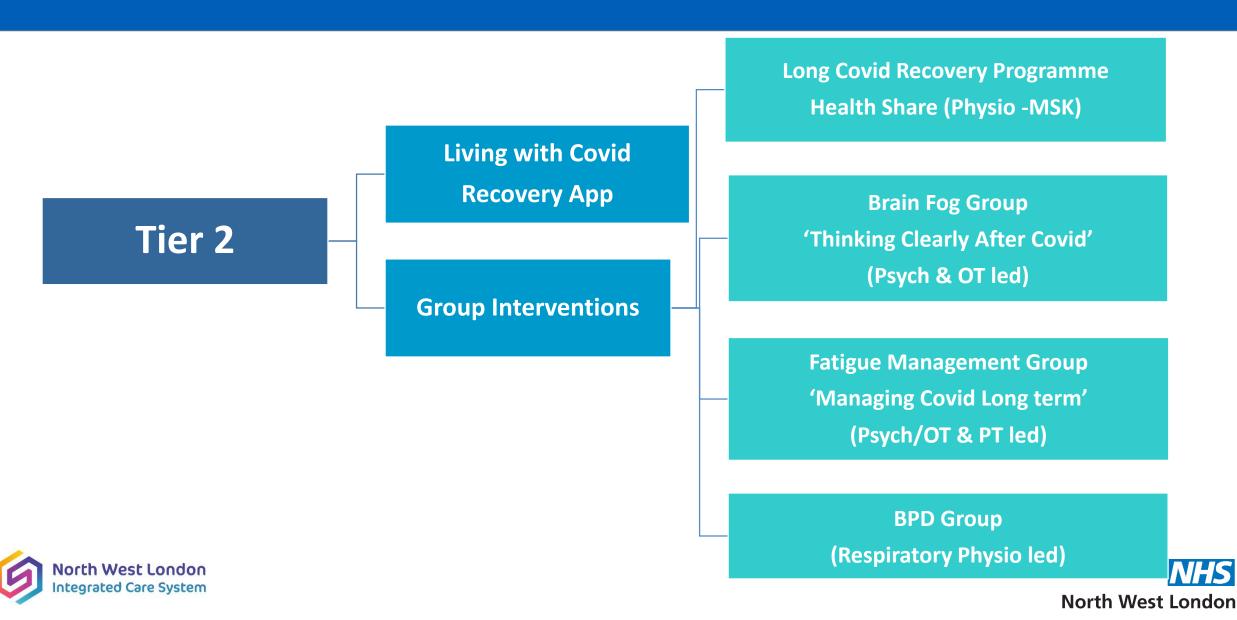
Self Management – sign posting information and resources and online sites.

Usually covered by GP but re-enforced at PCAC and MDT community teams

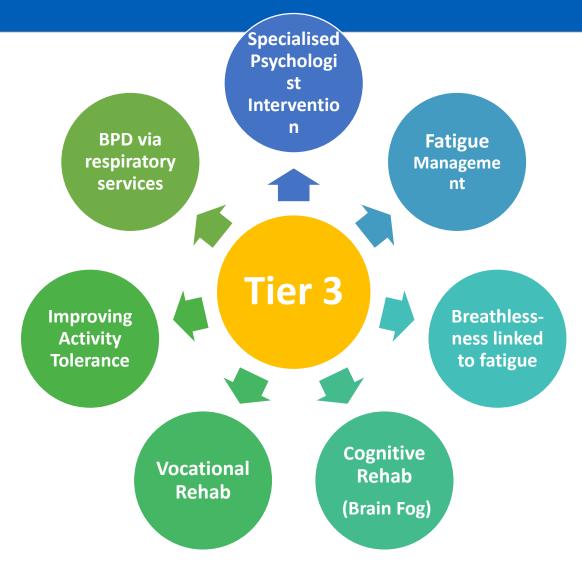




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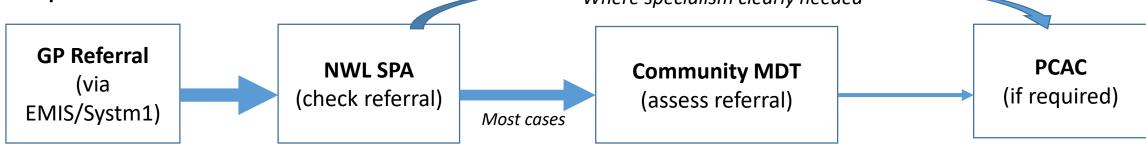




Changes to the North West London Post Covid Referral Pathway

Community First Model

 Under the Community First Model, referrals will continue to go to the North West London Single Point of Access (SPA) first for checking, then they will be sent on to Community MDTs for assessment. Onward referral to PCACs may take place if required.



- The Model will be implemented in July/August 2023, with standard North West London-wide triage, assessment and discharge protocols in place.
- The Model will lead to fewer referrals going to Acute PCACs





Hammersmith & Fulham Data





Hammersmith & Fulham Referral Data

127 accepted GP referrals to Post Covid Community MDTs and PCACs (June 2022 – June 2023) (14% of all NWL accepted referrals)

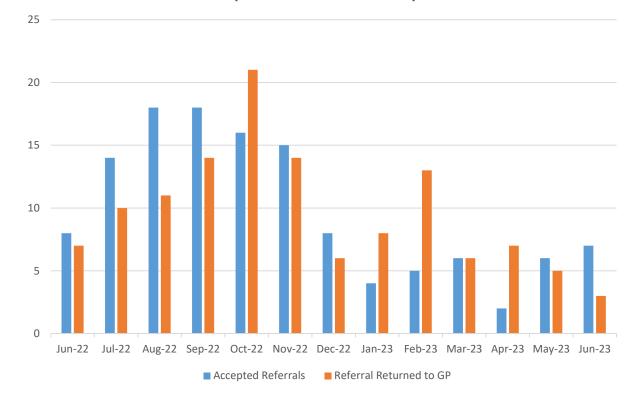
125 referrals returned to GP (June 2022 – June 2023) (17% of all NWL referrals returned to GPs)

More referrals accepted than returned in May – June 2023 due to the release of Post Covid Toolkit to health professionals and GPs across North West London to raise awareness and increase referrals.

Source: NWL Post Covid SPA

North West London Borough	Total Accepted Referrals (June 2022 - June 2023)	Percentage	Total Referrals Returned to GP (June 2022 - June 2023)	Percentage
Brent	92	9%	80	11%
Ealing	164	18%	111	15%
Hammersmith & Fulham	127	14%	125	17%
Harrow	123	13%	98	12%
Hillingdon	126	14%	80	11%
Hounslow	70	8%	47	6%
Kensington & Chelsea	136	15%	130	17%
Westminster	92	9%	80	11%
NWL Total	930	100%	751	100%

Referrals to Community MDTs and PCACs: Hammersmith & Fulham Patients (June 2022 – June 2023)





Hammersmith & Fulham Referral Data

Number of Hammersmith & Fulham GP Practices having made no Referrals to Post COVID Services (Acute and Community):

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NWL Borough	Total GP Practices Not Referring	Percentage of all GP Practices	
Brent	3	6%	
Ealing	11	15%	
Hammersmith & Fulham	1	4%	
Harrow	2	6%	
Hillingdon	6	13%	
Hounslow	6	15%	
Kensington & Chelsea	2	5%	
Westminster	7	2%	
NWL Total	38	11%	

Number of Hammersmith & Fulham GP Practices having made less than 5 Referrals to Post COVID Services (Acute & Community):

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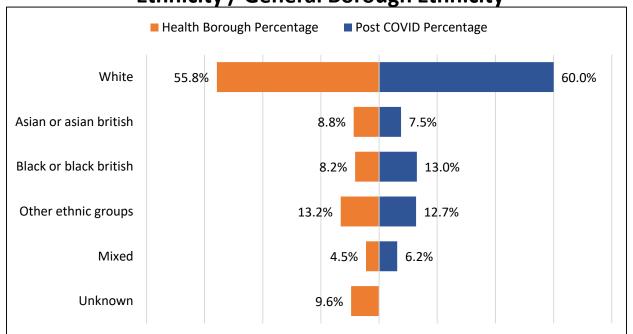
Data Source: NWL ICB Business Intelligence Post Covid Health Inequalities Dashboard (as at 30/04/23)



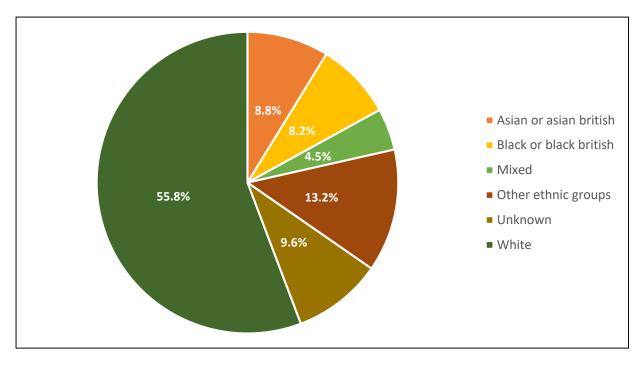


Hammersmith & Fulham: Post Covid Population **Statistics**

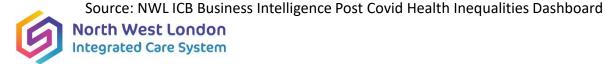
Post Covid Referrals by Ethnicity versus the General NWL **Ethnicity / General Borough Ethnicity**



Hammersmith & Fulham Population: Ethnicity



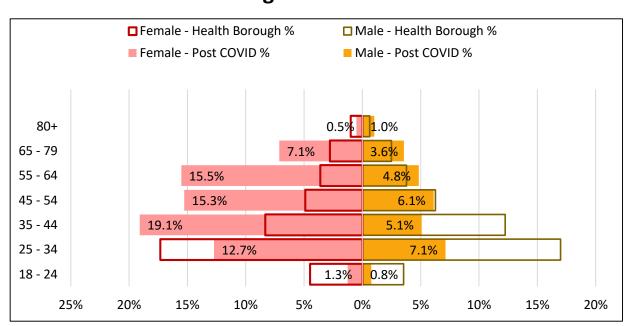
Lower number of referrals from the Asian/Asian British ethnic group, in proportion to their percentage in the Hammersmith & Fulham population



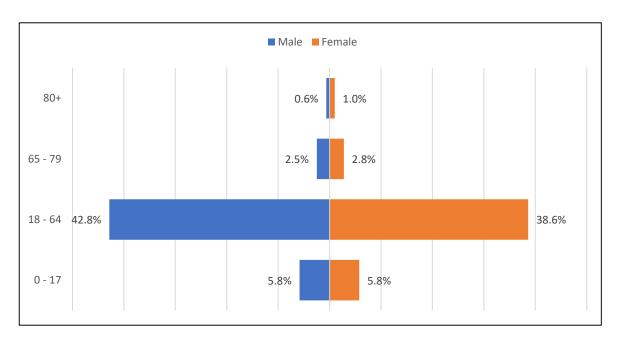


Hammersmith & Fulham: Post Covid Population Statistics

Post Covid Referrals by Age & Gender / General Borough Age & Gender



Hammersmith & Fuham Population: Age & Gender



Most referrals from female patients aged between 35 – 64, higher than their prevalence in the Hammersmith & Fulham population.

Source: NWL ICB Business Intelligence Post Covid Health Inequalities Dashboard



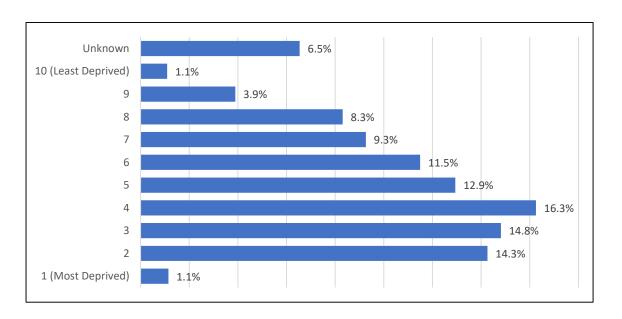


Hammersmith & Fulham: Post Covid Population Statistics

Post Covid Referrals by Deprivation versus the General NWL Deprivation / General Borough Deprivation

■ Health Borough Percentage ■ Post Covid Percentage Unknown 10 (Least Deprived) 8 8.3% 9.3% 9.7% 6 11.5% 10.4% 12.9% 17.0% 16.3% 16.3% 14.8% 12.0% 14.3% 21.6% 1 (Most Deprived) 1.1% 0.8%

Hammersmith & Fulham Population: Deprivation



Referrals from Deprivation Indices 1 (most deprived), 3, 6 and 8 not in proportion to their percentages in the Hammersmith & Fulham population

Source: NWL ICB Business Intelligence Health Inequalities Dashboard





Hammersmith & Fulham: Post Covid Health Inequalities





NWL Post Covid Health Inequalities Programme

Stage 1: prepare

- NWL Business Intelligence to finalise borough-based dashboards
- Ensure dashboards are routinely available to Leads
- Map potential borough-based partners, with advice from NWL Personalisation Lead and Engagement Lead.
- Each borough lead to use boroughbased partnership meetings to review local dashboard data, and discuss local priorities

Stage 2: launch

- 90 min "inequalities programme workshop"
- Agree an overarching Aim which will apply across all of NWL
- Identify what needs to be in place, to deliver that Aim
- Agree 2-3 metrics to gauge success

Stage 3: action

- Each borough team to form a "borough inequalities project group" which includes their GP and relevant 3rd sector reps
- Each borough team to take forward their own change ideas.
- ongoing guidance to come from NWL leads
- Team to report back to their local borough based partnership meetings on progress.

Programme led by each Community MDT Team, working with key borough partners in their individual boroughs

Programme now at Stage 3: Action, with progress monitored by the NWL ICB Post Covid Working Group

Overall Aim: (i) to address local health inequalities and (ii) to reduce the number of minimally referring GP practices by 50% by October 2023



