

## **Freedom of Information Request Reference**

**There is a large cohort of patients who have had covid-19 - but who self-isolated at home during their illness, and did not seek medical assistance - in line with advice from 111.**

**However, many of these patients who were not hospitalised are now reporting continuing symptoms of covid 19 - fatigue, breathlessness, racing heart rate, and headaches. Most were unable to get tested.**

**Despite these serious symptoms, they are not able to access services or have been told by their GP that there is nothing that can be done for them, or that they have to just wait for recovery.**

**However, some trusts in England are setting up post-covid services for this cohort of patients to enable them to recover more quickly, and provide specific advice and support.**

**Are your trust offering this kind of service for this cohort of patient?**

The Northern Health and Social Care Trust have not commissioned specific post-COVID services as described. We are rebuilding our services to respond to COVID as set out in our document 'Rebuilding HSC Services – Phase 2', which you can find on our Trust website. You may wish to contact the Health and Social Care Board, which has responsibility for commissioning health and social care services in Northern Ireland.