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1 What is your name?

Name:

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3 Are you submitting as an individual, or on behalf of an organisation or group?

I am submitting as an individual

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Select from the following options:

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Questions for individuals

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Share 'one big thing' or upload a file

5 Are you here to tell us your 'one big thing'?

Your one big thing::

I have long covid/chronic fatigue syndrome.  
I have really struggled with finding a dr who knows about it and with getting a diagnosis, I was told there was nothing wrong with me from one dr because my blood tests were normal, despite having significant symptoms. Repeated dr visits cost a lot of money as well as the psychological impact of being invalidated.  
I have had to reduce work to a few hours a week and I feel there is a big gap in the system, if someone had an accident and couldn't work there is reasonable support from ACC but little for people with chronic illness. Since getting this chronic illness I now have financial stress as well with little

support other than the option of a small amount through WINZ. There is also very limited access to disability support/home help services which would help A LOT! More funding is needed for this area.

There are not updated or clear guidelines for these conditions and a significant lack of knowledge and education for the medical community about these conditions. There needs to be specialist advice and education and funding for this across the medical community. There are a lot of people with long covid and it will only continue to increase so something needs to be done now.

6 Upload a file

File upload:

No file uploaded

Not Answered

Publishing and data protection

May we publish your submission?

Yes, but please remove my name/my organisation

Please note any part(s) of your submission you do not want published::

Reasons to withhold parts of your submission

Yes, I would like HDC to consider withholding parts of my submission from responses to OIA requests.:

No

I think these parts of my submission should be withheld, for these reasons: :

If needed, can we to contact you to follow up for more detail on your submission?

Yes, you can contact me

Would you like to receive updates about the review?

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