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Chair of the Health Committee

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Dear Onkar,

Thank you for your letter of 5 March regarding the impact of long COVID on Londoners.

It pains me that the coronavirus pandemic has exacerbated inequality in our city. I share your concerns that the impacts of long COVID may be felt most by Londoners from ethnic minority communities, those on the lowest incomes and those living in the most deprived areas of the capital. I am pleased that last month the National Institute for Health Research and UK Research and Innovation awarded four new research studies a total of £18.5 million to better understand and address the longer-term effects of COVID-19 on physical and mental health. I am delighted that three of these studies are being led by London's prestigious research institutes at Imperial College London, University College London and the UCL Great Ormond Street Institute of Child Health.

Though it is of course sad that they are needed, I am pleased that the NHS has set up a long COVID service and that there is an increasing number of long COVID clinics being opened across the city. NHS London has supplied the list in Appendix 1. It is vital that these services are accessible to all Londoners experiencing the symptoms of long COVID and that provision is targeted to reach Londoners from ethnic minority communities and the most disadvantaged Londoners.

May I take this opportunity to thank you and members of the health committee for your hard work on health and care issues in London.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Sadiq Khan', with a small '2' written below the name.

**Sadiq Khan**

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## **Appendix 1: Current and planned long COVID clinics provided by London NHS Trusts**

Barking, Havering and Redbridge University Hospitals NHS Trust

Barts Health NHS Trust

Homerton University Hospital NHS Foundation Trust

Imperial College Healthcare NHS Trust

King's College Hospital NHS Foundation Trust

University College London Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

London North West University Healthcare NHS Trust

Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust

North East London NHS Foundation Trust

East London NHS Foundation Trust

St George's NHS Trust

Epsom and St Helier University Hospitals NHS Trust

Kingston Hospital NHS Foundation Trust

Croydon Health Services NHS Trust

Chelsea and Westminster Hospital NHS Trust