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C19-YRS (COVID-19 Yorkshire Rehabilitation Scale)

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Long COVID is a clinical syndrome of symptoms that persist 4 weeks after contracting COVID-19 illness. Symptoms include breathlessness, fatigue, pain, cognitive problems (brain fog), sleep problems, autonomic dysfunction, functional disability in daily activities and reduced quality of life. There are currently more than 100,000 individuals in the UK (and more than 4 million worldwide) struggling with Long COVID. This is set to rise in the aftermath of the current ongoing second wave of the pandemic.

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