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## 1. "Did You Know That RTE's Prime Time Are Recycling The Same Long Covid Patients As All The Other Media"

They even used one of their own RTE producers as an example of a long covid patient.

You won't believe this

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2. The opening intro on RTE's Prime Time piece on long covid started with Sarah McInerney saying

"No definitive figures are available but it is estimated that tens of thousands of people in Ireland are suffering from Long Covid"

You see tens of thousands could mean 90,000

3. Excuse me. How can the national broadcaster make such an unsubstantiated, nonsensical claim.

It's simple really. The plan from the outset of the program was to instil a sense of foreboding and fear for the next 15 minutes

She then went on to say

4. "We will find out the latest science around causes and treatment of long covid (lc) & we will ask if our overrun health service can cope with another wave of patients looking for a place on the waiting list"

Let's back up here for a moment.

5. When in the last 18 months has RTE followed any Science

The use of "overrun health service" and "wave" was very deliberate as well.

Let people subconsciously think that there is still a raging pandemic going on when in actual fact there isn't.

6. The idea behind the program was to hear from people who had suffered from "long covid". It was fascinating how the scene was set and how it played out.

Sad music then soundbites from patients about how lc had affected them interspersed by doctors saying how serious it is.

7. The 1st lady up was Linda Dalton from Kilkenny who contracted Covid in October last year. In December she had an MRI brain scan and the doctors thought she'd had a stroke. She subsequently had slurred speech and pain in her rib cage and was then prescribed morphine.

8. Linda was obviously in a great deal of distress and had a shaking hand which RTE constantly zoomed in on just to make sure the viewers didn't miss it the first time.

She spoke of driving her car and seeing flashing lights and being so tired she would fall asleep in the car.

9. RTE also showed a picture of her 3 daughters. Linda also said she couldn't partake in family outings and was so tired she couldn't get off the couch .

Very important for RTE to play the emotional family card.



10. RTE were also very quick to join the dots of Covid being the cause of Linda's stroke whilst having no proof at all.

Linda so happened to be interviewed for lc back in February in the Independent as well.

Just a coincidence I'm sure

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# Long Covid: ‘By 2pm every day I crash. I am breathless, in pain and I find eating exhausting. I am not coping and I am appealing to the Minister for Health to help me.’

Linda Dalton is one of a growing number of people who find themselves suffering from debilitating symptoms that can't be explained or treated, long after contracting the virus



Linda Dalton from Piltown, Co Kilkenny, who is suffering from long Covid. PHOTO: DYLAN VAUGH



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Since the beginning of the pandemic last year, there have been almost 200,000 cases of Covid-19 in Ireland.

Sadly, thousands have died and there is also a growing number of people who, despite having been pronounced free of the virus, are still suffering from side effects many months later.

According to the HSE, the fact that Covid-19 is a new disease with research ongoing and details emerging all the time, there are still many unknown factors about the virus and its aftermath.

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11. Next up was Tanja Buwalda from Cork who got Covid in March 2020

Tanja was constantly tired and had brain fog and cried in the interview. She told how she was once driving in her car and couldn't remember how to change gears.

She was asked how she coped. She said





12. "You take each day at a time, you never plan anything in advance, you try to learn to live with it within reason"

What was very noticeable from both ladies is that they were clearly both overweight. That's not a dig in anyway, that's just a fact.

13. Tanja said she also suffered from diarrhoea, bad digestion, and heartburn which people who are overweight also unfortunately suffer from.

14. You would think that as RTE claims there are tens of thousands of lc sufferers they could interview anyone.

Funny then that back in March 2021 Tanja was interviewed by the Irish Times for lc and had recovered 70%.

Maybe she had relapsed 6 months later in September

Tanja Buwalda (46), from Crosshaven, Co Cork, said her symptoms were initially so mild that “it could be confused with anything”. She felt tired and run down, and then lost her sense of smell. Six weeks later she noticed she was out of breath.

“Symptom after symptom started to pile on during the summer. From August to October I was bed-ridden.”

She discovered an online community that had 35,000 people worldwide with long Covid signed-up. She now says she is 70 per cent better, thanks to a cocktail of supplements.

“I have had to come to terms with the fact that I have a chronic illness. My energy levels are very low,” she says. “You have to hope that the science will catch up. They are still learning so much about this disease.”

15. Also interviewed was Professor Liam O Mahony from UCC who said

“I’ve never seen anything like it, the extent, the severity of disease, the impact on the immune system is tremendous”

16. RTE then went on to say

"With over 200 reported symptoms with long covid Dr Corrina Sadlier is trying to understand what if any treatments are available to patients"

Once people hear there are 200 symptoms on TV then anything can be tied to long covid and i mean anything.

17. Prime Time also asked members of long covid support groups to send in videos of how they were living with the disease. 3 ladies sent in videos saying how they were suffering.

The final person interviewed was Marcus Stewart who said he suffered from brain fog.

18. RTE didn't have to look very far to find "long covid" sufferer Marcus. Marcus is a TV producer on RTE's Eco Eye. He is the son of Duncan Stewart who hosts the programme and is also followed by Fergal Bowers of RTE on Twitter.



19. On his Twitter bio it says

"Science enthusiast. Passionate about evidence based debate. Always open to changing my mind with evidence"

Did I forget to mention Marcus was also interviewed by the IT with Tanja in the same article.

You couldn't make it up if you tried.

# Long Covid: ‘You think you are making progress...then it rears its ugly head again’

Women the primary sufferers of a condition for which there is no known cure yet

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Marcus Stewart and Sue Wrafter with their daughter Sofia (2). The couple caught Covid-19 early in the pandemic and have been suffering bouts of extreme fatigue due to long Covid since. Photograph: Nick Bradshaw/The Irish Times.

20. Another Consultant interviewed by RTE was Professor Seamus Linnane

“I think the key issue here is even if its 30% of everybody who has had Covid whether they are at home or managed in Hospital, that's a lot of people”

Yet again another nonsensical figure being thrown out.

21. RTE then said

"With the public health system already overburdened there is clearly a huge challenge in dealing with the complicated symptoms of long covid and the growing numbers of people presenting with it"



22. Finally Dr Corrina Sadlier said

"Obviously there's a backlog because of the surges in covid cases in hospitals and with the cyber attack the waiting lists have increased further so its very difficult at the moment for patients to access the care that they need"

23. Naturally there was no mention of why there might be a surge in covid cases & whether any of the participants in the programme had the v

They also had to get in the cyber attack as a means of keeping people fearful

The program was constructed in such a way to scare people

24. RTE was probably even advised by behavioural psychologists to ensure they hit all the right buttons for the watching viewers.

People are beginning to catch on. Time is running out for RTE

Maybe there aren't that many lc patients after all if they have to use the same ones

25. You know the drill 😊 I write these 🧵 in my spare time and would really appreciate if you could retweet the very 1st tweet. Likes are great but retweets are required to reach as large an audience as possible to expose what is really going on behind the scenes. Many thanks.

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