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CHARITY IMPACT & RESPONSE

CHARITY IMPACT

- **Reduction in fundraised income**
- **Impact on our people**
- **Increased demand for our services**

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“Covid-19 is affecting all aspects of our world. It is a fast moving and ever-changing environment which requires us to think and operate differently, taking quick decisions and responding in an agile and flexible way.”

Liam O’Toole, CEO

CHARITY IMPACT

- **People with arthritis**
- **Our supporters**

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“We’re working to ensure everyone living with arthritis stays safe, is heard and is supported at this time”.

Liam O’Toole,
CEO

CHARITY RESPONSE

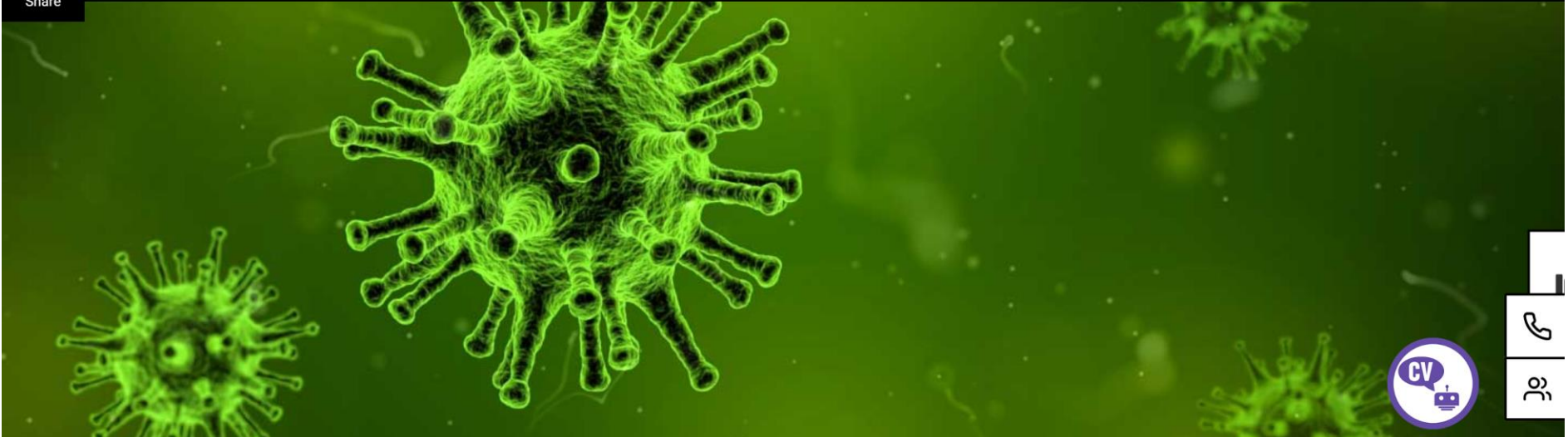
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CHARITY RESPONSE

- **Taking care of our staff and volunteers**
- **Adapting our ways of working**

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“My reflection on the charity’s response is that you have been nimble, innovative and quick to respond. ...we need to ensure” our strategy is relevant for a post lockdown world”

Rodger McMillan,
Chair of Trustees

CHARITY RESPONSE

- Prioritising help channels
- **COVA** is the first chatbot to provide COVID-19 advice specifically for people with MSK conditions

- **Arthritis Tracker**

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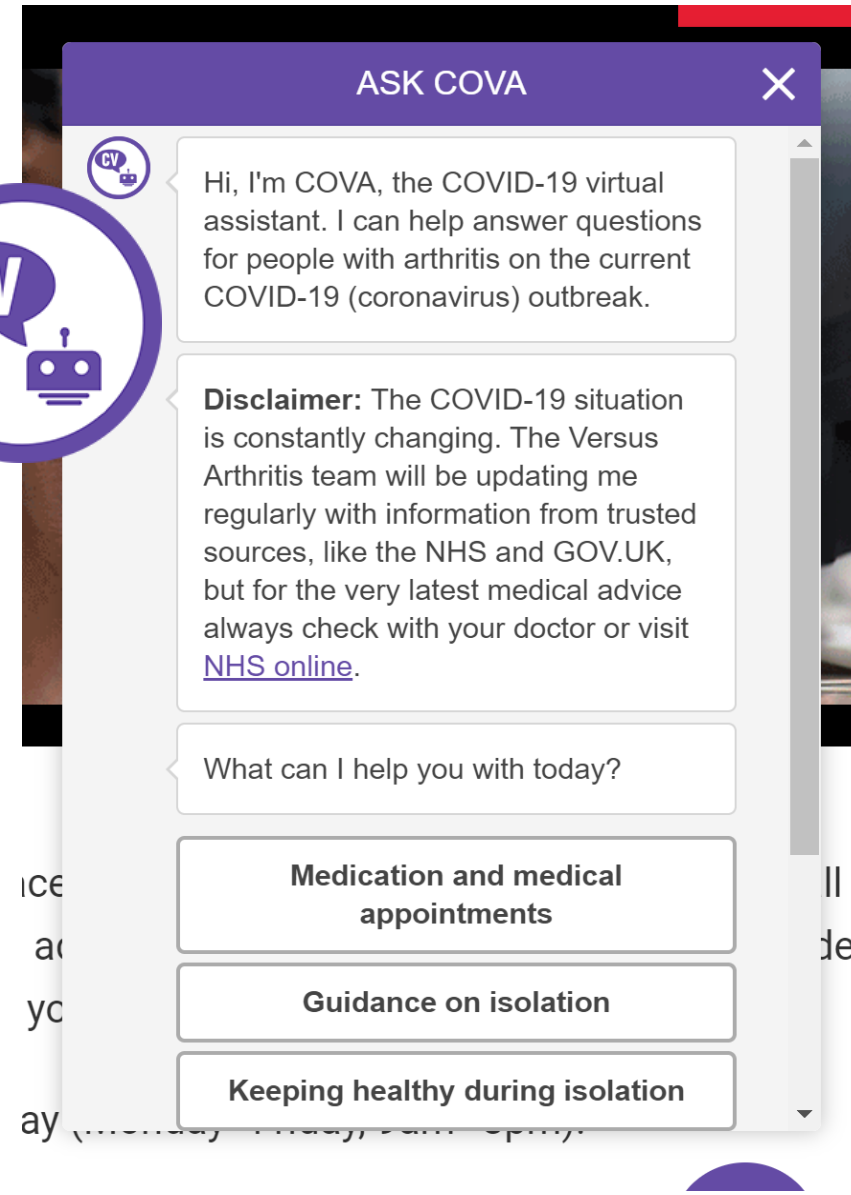
ARTHRITIS TRACKER
An app for teens and young adults

Rate your day in seconds and see a summary of your pain, energy levels, activity, sleep and more.

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Download on the App Store | GET IT ON Google Play

The advertisement features a blue background with a white smartphone displaying the app's interface. The interface includes a 'HOW IS YOUR DAY GOING?' section with a 'FEEDBACK' button and a 'PAIN' section with a face icon and a 'TAG A FACE ICON TO RATE YOUR DAY' instruction. Below are 'ENERGY LEVELS' and 'MEDICATION SIDE EFFECTS' sections, each with a face icon. The Versus Arthritis logo and app store download buttons are at the bottom.



ASK COVA

Hi, I'm COVA, the COVID-19 virtual assistant. I can help answer questions for people with arthritis on the current COVID-19 (coronavirus) outbreak.

Disclaimer: The COVID-19 situation is constantly changing. The Versus Arthritis team will be updating me regularly with information from trusted sources, like the NHS and GOV.UK, but for the very latest medical advice always check with your doctor or visit [NHS online](#).

What can I help you with today?

- Medication and medical appointments
- Guidance on isolation
- Keeping healthy during isolation

The interface is a chat window with a purple header and a close button. It shows a conversation with the chatbot COVA, including a disclaimer and a list of topics it can help with. The background is a blurred image of a person's hand.

CHARITY RESPONSE

- **Recognition Campaign:**
Ensuring we don't forget the unmet need.
- Working with others to influence and advise

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IT'S NOT JUST "WEAR AND TEAR". IT'S NOT JUST "ACHES AND PAINS". IT'S NOT ALRIGHT – IT'S ARTHRITIS.

JOIN US TO SPEAK OUT.



SECTOR IMPACT & RESPONSE

SECTOR IMPACT

- **Many charity research funders have reduced income**
- **Most have paused or suspended research**
- **Many staff furloughed or supporting NHS frontline**
- **New research initiatives halted**

SECTOR RESPONSE

- **Cohesive working and sharing**
- **Maintaining positive pressure on Government**
- **Emerging COVID related research initiatives**
- **Data gathering & global registries**

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Medical research charities are facing a significant financial impact as a result of COVID-19. We estimate a projected shortfall in sector research investment ranging between £252m - £368m in 2020/21.

AMRC and our member charities are working tirelessly to call on Government to mitigate the impact of the pandemic on the UK's research base. We are working every avenue and contact to ensure Government understand the impact on research now and in the future.

(Nisha Tailor, Director of Policy & Public Affairs, AMRC)

OUR RESEARCH

OUR RESEARCH: IMPACT

- **We believe that many of our awards have been affected**
- **Many researchers have been called to the front line**
- **Researcher access to their labs and patients affected**

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OUR RESEARCH: RESPONSE

- Working with you
- Working with others
- Working innovatively
- Preparing for the future

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INNOVATION IN OUR COMMUNITY

- Adapting our research
- Researchers moving to COVID-19 focus e.g.
 - Gender study
 - MAmMOTH study extension
 - Wellbeing advice



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A poster from Keele University titled 'Top tips For health and wellbeing during COVID-19'. The poster has a dark blue background with white text. It includes the Keele University logo and the text 'Impact Accelerator Un'. At the bottom, it says 'COVID-19 Bulletin No.1: 27.04.2' and '@KeeleU'. The text 'We are all in challenging and unsettling times, but whilst you may have been advised' is partially visible at the bottom edge.

Top tips
For health and wellbeing during
COVID-19
For people at home, aged 70 and over, with joint pain and health conditions

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TOGETHER.**

**HELP US TO TELL YOUR
STORY**

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